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A day to cheer at Albany High

By James Carter

ALBANY — On a warm day just before autumn, the Albany High School Pep Band struck up a tune.

At high noon Sept. 23, young people and folks not-so-young anxiously gathered beside a vacant lot surrounded by a cyclone fence. And as the band played "Hungry Cougars," something wonderful happened. Students and teachers, administrators and board members shared a joyful moment together.

It was groundbreaking day for the new Albany High School.

"I'm really, really excited and proud for our school," said student body president Oriana Hair. "I'm so excited that we're going to finally get started constructing a new building."

And there were other things happen-

ing as well that buoyed the crowd as they watched board members break ground with a gold shovel.

"This year there's tons more spirit, and tons of more teacher and administration support," Hair said. "It's going to be a really great year."

That new spirit charged the air last Thursday, the atmosphere as euphoric as that at college football game opening day.

"I feel really excited about this high school project for our kids," declared Superintendent of Schools Gary Mills. "We're all just really delighted that the kids could be with us today and really be a part of this ceremony because, well, they are what this is all about."

The groundbreaking ceremony begins what will be \$20 million-plus project that promises to construct the newest high school in the Bay Area by 2001.

"I'm just really excited about the new administration and the new building and everything," Board of Education member Mary Wallman said. "The teachers and everyone is so positive this year. It's a fresh start."

Marsha Skinner worked long and hard on the bond measure that provided much of the funding for the construction project that built the new middle school, the district's other major project. And as a board member, she helped fight for state funding that will transform the dream of a new high school into a reality.

"I'm glad the day is finally here," Skinner said. The school board regretted that "things took as long as they did," she added, explaining the process took much

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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Gary Mills speaks at the groundbreaking for the new Albany High School, with the Cougars mascot among those in attendance.



HARDING SECOND-GRADERS peer into the window of a car lined with orange fur.

SHARON STEINMANN

Art on wheels

Caravan of art cars spurs imagination of students

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Sometimes you just gotta do what you just gotta do — and sometimes that may involve gluing hundreds of little plastic Santa Clauses and other things onto your car, calling it "Santa's Volvo," and driving around to make people smile.

The four-day Art Car Fest '99 included about 70 art cars, thousands of shocked and amused stares and local stops. The festival ended with a Sunday drive in the How Berkeley Can You Be? Parade and Festival. On Friday, nearly 30 of these internal combustion rolling art fantasies made the rounds, driving past El Cerrito High and Portola Middle schools and stopping for interactive time at Harding Elementary School before traveling on to Piedmont High School.

There was a long car with green legs attached to its eight doors, painted in



MARLON MOORE, 6, reaches into an art car's chalk box to write a message on the car.

SHARON STEINMANN

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Police, residents meet over arms discovery

By James Carter

ALBANY — Nearly 60 residents of the neighborhood surrounding Terrace Park met with police at Marin School last Friday night in response to the arrest of two men last week accused of illegal use and possession of weapons.

Ray Konig, a longtime resident of the quiet neighborhood, and John William Robinson, a registered sex offender, were arrested Sept. 18 after police received calls asserting there was gunfire or an explosion at Konig's home just after 10 p.m. that night.

After a quick but cautious response to the calls, one that involved officers from Emeryville, Berkeley, Kensington and El Cerrito, police moved in.

Both men were taken into custody, the 52-year-old Robinson on suspicion of illegally possessing weapons, and Konig on suspicion of illegally discharging a firearm or explosive.

A thorough search of the premises uncovered a cache of over 100 weapons and a stockpile of gunpow-

der and other explosives.

Police took possession of guns that ranged from a .50-caliber rifle with a tripod and powerful scope, to the exotic, including a broad variety of shotguns and pistols. As of press time, both Konig and Robinson await arraignment.

Police Detective Bill Palmieri and Sgt. Mike McQuiston shared details of the arrests with a large crowd gathered at Marin School Sept. 24.

A couple living in the neighborhood who asked not to be identified circulated a petition urging the district attorney to forbid either of the charged men from owning or possessing weapons.

The petition, based upon the assumption both men will be found guilty as charged, urged the district attorney to allow police to search Konig's home as a condition of any sentencing. It also called for the longest possible probation allowable under current statutes.

Many of the neighbors gathered at the meeting last Friday night displayed some

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Funding priorities under study for ballot measure

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The Public Facilities Financing Task Force met for the first time last week and the five-member group plunged right into the issues. On the matter of the \$4.9 million plan to reconstruct the Swim Center, the task force decided the figure was probably about right. On the need for better estimates to fix other recreational facilities, the task force agreed the need is there.

More accurate street reconstruction program estimates are expected this week and the group agreed by consensus, but with some skeptics, that a March ballot measure to fund the pool and some other things is still a possibility.

The question is: What other things should be included on any tax or bond measure placed before the voters? Some task force members suggested streets, while others pushed for Canyon Trail Clubhouse repair while others suggested the Portola soccer field. The needs of the Public Safety building were discussed as were other city facility and infrastructure repair, reconstruction and maintenance needs.

As to the question of what projects, in addition to the pool, should be placed on

a possible March ballot funding measure, the task force seemed to be leaning towards street repairs, Canyon Trail Clubhouse rehabilitation and fixing and making accessible the public restrooms in Harding and Poinsett parks.

Other projects were considered, notably the soccer or multi-purpose playing field and the Public Safety building, and nothing is definite at this point. There will be more discussion before the group finalizes its recommendations.

The possibility that some projects could be placed on the March ballot for funding while other projects wait for a November ballot measure was also considered by the task force.

Councilman Norman La Force, who was elected chairman of the task force, said the pool has so many problems that "it has to be fixed sooner — much sooner — than later," and that the pool project needs to be "packaged with some other things we want to do in the community." He later said that the soccer field could be put on the ballot to draw more support for the measure. "It may well be worth putting it in," he said.

Councilman Larry Damon, also a

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Library tax measure going on November 2000 ballot

MARTINEZ — A one-eighth of a cent sales tax increase for Contra Costa libraries will go on the November 2000 ballot, county supervisors unanimously decided Sept. 21.

They rejected a proposed measure for

a quarter-cent increase that would help open space and urban revitalization in addition to libraries.

A poll released Tuesday showed that a winning majority of 70 percent of county voters would support the one-eighth cent

increase if voters understood the benefits and costs. Support fell off sharply when other issues were connected. A two-thirds majority is needed to pass.

Pollster Brad Senden said a March 2000 measure would conflict with a state

library construction proposal scheduled for that election.

The county seeks \$10 million yearly for library operations and materials. It would cost consumers \$1.25 for every \$1,000 spent.

Journal moving to Friday publication

The Journal, which has been published on Thursdays for the past 13 years, will move to Friday publication as of Oct. 8. The later deadline allows a greater opportunity to include each week's news more comprehensively, as well as providing a

look at what is coming up in the week ahead, in both news and entertainment. The change also works well for advertisers who want to reach readers planning their weekends. We believe this helps accomplish

our goal of providing you, our readers, with the most complete local coverage possible each week. If you have any questions or comments, write us at The Journal, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland 94619; or e-mail us at journal@ccimes.com.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Creek restoration

Creek Restoration Talk — Landscape Architect Michael Thilgen will show slides and speak on volunteers' restoration of native plant communities on Oakland's Sausal Creek, at Friends of Five Creeks meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin, Albany.

Multicultural Festival

A free Multicultural Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's College High School, Ventura and Posen streets, Albany. Booths rich in a variety of ethnic and cultural heritage's will display textiles, literature, history, art, and many other areas of interest from countries throughout the world. Ethnic food will be served potluck on our community table between 12-4 p.m. Musicians and dancers will entertain between 12:30-3:30 p.m. Entertainment will be Hawaiian guitarist, Japanese Taiko drummers, Persian dancer and musicians, Peruvian musicians, Egyptian belly dancer, Scottish country and step dancing, Negro spirituals, Irish dancer, international folk dancing, Mexican Folklorico, and Saint Mary's Dance Ensemble. The event is free and open to the public. Details: Amal Barsom, 223-6134 or Marina Worms at 799-3477 before 9 p.m.

Tsukiyama book signing

Noted local author Gail Tsukiyama will hold a book signing Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. at Waldenbooks in the El Cerrito Plaza. Tsukiyama is the author of four novels, "Women of the Silk," "Samurai Garden," "Night of Many Dreams," and her latest work, "Language of Threads." Details: Brenda Shephard, store manager, 525-5727.

Rozsak here Oct. 13

Theodore Rozsak nationally known historian and professor at Cal State, Hayward, will discuss his most recent books, "The Gendered Atom: Reflections on the Sexual Psychology of Science," preface by Jane Goodall, and "America the Wise: The Longevity Revolution and the True Wealth of Nations," a study of the cultural and political opportunities of our aging society, at the annual General Membership Meeting and 30th anniversary celebration of the Friends of the Albany Library at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1247 Marin Ave. (at Masonic). Rozsak's other works include the best selling "The Making of a Computer Culture" (now in a new edition from the University of California Press), "The Voice of the Earth" (the book that founded the study of ecopsychology), and "The Cult of Information," a study of the use of computers in all walks of life. He has been a Guggenheim fellow and was twice nominated for the National Book Awards. Avenue Books, 2904 College Ave., Berkeley, will bring several of Professor Rozsak's books to the meeting for signing. Refreshments will also be provided. The public is cordially invited to attend. Details: 526-3720.

Library book sale

Friends of the Kensington Library is having a "Book Sale" with lots of new and used books, and children's books on Sunday, Oct. 3 from noon to 3 p.m. behind the Kensington Library at 61 Arlington Avenue in Kensington. We will have records, foreign language books, paperbacks, collectors' items, books on



Poetry, performance and survival

PERFORMANCE POET WANNA WRIGHT, a 20-year breast cancer survivor and author of the recent book "Alive to Testify", will be accompanied by family members in presenting "Breast Cancer: A Family Affair and Sexuality & Breast-Less-Ness" on Sunday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Richmond Memorial Convention Center, 403 Civic Center Plaza in Richmond. Admission is free.

tape, arts and sciences, computer texts, videos, cookbooks and reference books. For more information call 524-3043.

Snakes Alive!

The Tilden Nature Area at Tilden Regional Park invites you to come meet a gopher snake, king snake and maybe even a rattlesnake (no touching the rattlesnake) in a free program on Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon. Info: 525-2233

Ohlone Greenway cleanup

Sustainable El Cerrito has set Oct. 16 as the first work party date for cleanup of the Ohlone Greenway. Focus will be on the north end of the greenway. Details: Lori Dair, 232-6466.

Friends of Albany Hill

Friends of Albany Hill 1999-2000 Urban Forestry Work Season has started its fifth year of monthly restoration projects under the advisement of Dr. Barbara Ertter, botanist and Collections Manager of the University and Jepson Herbarium, Robert Langston, Society of American Lepidopterists, and Carole Fitzgerald,

artist and instructor at City College of San Francisco, and project manager. Fall work schedule dates are Oct. 30, and Nov. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Work to be done by the volunteers of the "Friends of Albany Hill" includes: German and English ivy, French broom, Himalayan blackberry, Oxalis, and non-native grass removal. Join your neighbors in managing and maintaining vegetation and wildlife habitats. Meet at the Jackson Street turnaround on the northern side of Albany Hill. Wear sturdy shoes, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and work gloves, all required to participate. Details: Hortensia Chang or John Nelson at 526-8369, or Carole Fitzgerald at 528-5236.

Register for martial arts

Albany's Recreation and Community Services Department, 1249 Marin Ave. is taking registration for its martial arts program. Aikido classes for children are held Monday thru Friday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Aikido for Adults is held Monday thru Friday from 6 p.m. Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. Karate for Adults is held Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m. thru 9 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Details: 524-9283.

Showroom-new car swiped from owner

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the morning of Sept. 22 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves stole her new silver '99 Honda Civic from her garage area. It was so new that the license plates were still not attached to the car. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 21 Albany officers responded to the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue on reports of a blue Hard Rock 24-speed mountain bike being stolen. The Kryptonite lock securing it had been cut. There were no witnesses.

■ Between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Sept. 22 there were several false alarms and power outages due to the electrical storm.

■ At about 4:15 a.m. on Sept. 22 Albany officers responded to the 500 block of Pierce Street on reports of a tenant who was very upset and was banging on neighbors' doors. He had apparently locked himself out of his apartment and became very belligerent when building security had tried to let him back in. When officers arrived, the 49-year-old man began challenging the officers. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of Sept. 22 Albany officers responded to reports of several cars that had been broken into during the night. There were no witnesses to the break-ins.

■ The assistant principal at Albany High School flagged down an officer on the afternoon of Sept. 22 regarding a problem with a student. Officers contacted the 16-year-old Albany boy and found that he had drugs in his possession. He was arrested, cited and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 22 a resident on the 700 block of San Carlos Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her garage and stole various items. There were no witnesses.

■ A resident on the 1200 block of Portland Avenue reported that on the afternoon of Sept. 22 thief stole his bicycle from in front of his residence. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 23 a resident on the 700 block of Adams Street reported that thieves stole two plants from her front yard. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 12:45 a.m. on Sept. 26 Albany officers responded to the AM/PM gas station on the 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue on re-

ports of an intoxicated driver who was panhandling and customers. Officers cited the 44-year-old Berkeley man who indeed intoxicated. He was tempted to run away, but was arrested and cited, to be released when sober.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 26 Albany officers stopped a '94 Toyota on San Pablo near Central Avenue, and making a U-turn. The driver, a 36-year-old man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and released when sober.

During the week of Sept. 27, Albany officers towed and responded to nine false alarms, tended to three lost dogs, animals, assisted six people who were locked out of their car and responded to three reports of barking dogs.

In the domestic arena, Albany officers responded to one domestic violence report, 26 reports of civil disturbance and 65 Civil Assists.

Albany officers stopped and issued 42 citations for traffic warnings. Albany firefighters responded to three medical emergencies and 13 medical emergencies.

Roof used for entry in car burglary

EL CERRITO — Sometime between 1 and 5 a.m. Sept. 1, a thief sliced open the roof of a automobile parked on the 2600 block of Francisco Way, entered the car and stole a \$400 stereo.

■ A 38-year-old San Pablo man with "Mom" tattooed on his shoulder was stopped early in the morning of Sept. 10. Police discovered the car he was driving — a 1972 white Dodge pickup — was stolen.

■ After devising what they thought was a fool-proof plan, two teens discovered otherwise after stealing a 1981 Ford Mustang from a 46-year-old woman Sept. 12. As the boys attempted to get away, police quickly caught up with them at the corner of Cutting Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue. As officers cuffed them at 2:12 a.m., they discovered the teens didn't even have a driver's license.

■ Long before the crack of dawn

Sept. 13, a balding 30-year-old man racing down MacDonald Avenue was stopped by police for speeding. He consented to a "quantity" of phetamine and arrested in possession of a controlled substance.

■ A 26-year-old woman was arrested for petty theft at Pacific Store Sept. 16 after she was caught stealing a \$10 pair of tools trimmed with pink hair.

El Cerrito, Kensington holds annual Fire Drills: The Great Escape

Fire prevention week is Oct. 3 through Oct. 9, and the El Cerrito Fire Department has teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association (official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for nearly 80 years) for "The Great Escape" contest, which involves designing and practicing a home fire escape plan. The winner of each contest will receive a trip for four to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida valued at \$10,000.

Most people underestimate fire's power and speed, fire prevention officials say.

In the best case, they say, you have just one or two minutes to escape a typical home fire safely, so home fire escape planning and practice are critical to life safety.

Home fire escape planning insures that everyone knows how to use those precious minutes wisely and escape unharmed and the El Cerrito Fire Department is encouraging as many El Cerrito and Kensington residents as possible to get involved.

Residents who would like to participate in the contest, can pick up the necessary materials at the

El Cerrito fire houses at 1500 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, 1500 Kensington Blvd., El Cerrito, and 2170 Kensington Fire House at 2170 Kensington Blvd., Kensington.

The El Cerrito Fire Department will also be distributing materials at local schools and schools while teaching the home fire escape planning practice, as well as preparing "The Great Escape".

CORRECTION

We offer the following corrections and clarifications for last week's Community Folk column about Jacki J. Noh of TransKorean Services. The phone number listed is actually TransKorean's fax number. The direct phone number is 527-6300 (or e-mail jackinoh@compuserve.com). Noh's name was also incorrectly given as Joh.

Noh travels as instructor, interpreter OR consultant, but not all three at once. She is a member of several professional associations. We apologize for the errors.

CCCT's 40th season opens Oct. 15

Contra Costa Civic Theatre launches its 40th season on Oct. 15 with "Mere Mortals: An Evening of Six One-Act Comedies" by David Ives. Michael Ray Wisely and Wendy Wisely will direct.

"We look upon this anniversary season as a celebration of our past and our future by presenting some of the best shows American theater

has to offer," says Louis Flynn, CCCT's artistic director.

"Mere Mortals" will run Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 20, with Sunday matinee performances on Oct. 24 and Nov. 7.

For the first show in 2000, CCCT presents "Harvey."

The play, about the power of imagination, and the importance of

friendship and family ties, runs from Jan. 21 to Feb. 26, with Sunday matinees Feb. 6 and 13. Season tickets for all four shows are \$40 (20 percent off the regular price of admission). Subscriptions for children under 16 are \$24.

Tickets or information: 524-9132 or write: CCCT Season Tickets, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, 94530.

LOCAL CLINIC PARTICIPATING IN GLOBAL SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Berkeley, July 28, 1999 - Berkeley Therapy Institute announced today that they have begun enrolling patients into a clinical trial of a compound being evaluated for the treatment of schizophrenia. The study, known as ILP 3004, is one of several in a worldwide development project known as the ReALiZe program.

The study at Berkeley Therapy Institute is part of a clinical development program to evaluate the efficacy and safety of an investigational drug in the treatment of patients with schizoaffective disorder or schizophrenia. Schizophrenia is a devastating condition, which affects nearly one percent of the world's population; schizophrenia is the most common and disabling of all major mental illnesses.

Schizophrenia impairs patients' cognitive functions causing positive symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions, and negative symptoms such as blunted affect and social withdrawal. The disease typically strikes in late adolescence, with the onset of gross abnormalities in perception and an inability to feel or express pleasure. The profound incidence of suicide among schizophrenics is a well-documented public health problem.

Dr. Robert Dolgoff, primary investigator for this clinical trial at Berkeley Therapy Institute, notes that "despite impressive advances in psychiatry, we still do not have optimal treatment for schizophrenia. As many as 20% to 30% of patients do not respond to, or get unpleasant side effects with, the medications that are currently available. Therefore, research into new modes of treatment is vital for patients battling this disease.

Patients participating in this ReALiZe study will receive free study medication or placebo and will be closely monitored on a regular basis by mental health professionals. To be eligible for participation in the trial, patients must be between the ages of 18 and 65, diagnosed with schizophrenia and exhibiting symptoms of the disease. In addition, participants must meet all inclusion criteria specified in the study protocol.

To obtain further information about this ReALiZe study, please contact Clinical Trial Coordinator Leigh Pruneau, RN, Ph.D., at (510) 841-8484, ext. 136.

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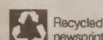
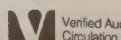
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School district, teachers union approve contract

By Tony Mercado

The West Contra Costa Unified School District and its teachers approved a deal Wednesday night that ends the threat of a massive strike and increases teacher pay.

Salaries for the district's 1,900 teachers will immediately go up by 7.61 percent retroactive to July 1 of this year. Under the three-year deal, ratified by a 648-167 union vote, the district and United Teachers of Richmond will reopen talks on salary and a limited number of other issues in 2000-2001, the final year of the contract.

"It took far too long to get us to this point," said Marta Dragos, union president. "This is an important step for us, but we still have a lot of work to do to improve salaries here."

The deal, which will cost the district \$5.9 million, garnered unanimous support of the school board

Wednesday night and the blessing of a state trustee assigned to ensure the financial stability of the district. Nonetheless, the contract could force the district to make some cuts.

District Superintendent Gloria Johnston said the district needs to complete a review of its finances before determining where to make changes. She vowed, however, to keep any reductions away from the classrooms of the district's 33,000 students.

"We feel very comfortable with this contract. We can do this," Johnston said. "I'm not saying there won't be cuts, but we're not going to do anything that hurts the quality of teachers and learning in the district."

Under the new contract, salaries of beginning teachers with a credential will jump from \$28,942 to \$32,000. Teachers with at least 28 years experience will see a rise from \$52,813 to \$56,813.

By comparison, the 9,500-student Berkeley Unified district pays its first-year teachers about \$29,000, rising to about \$44,000 after a decade in the classroom, according to the most recent salary figures available. The 35,000-student Mt. Diablo Unified School District pays about \$29,000 to first-year teachers, and \$42,000 to 10-year veterans.

Those figures, however, are likely to increase as those districts complete their own negotiations, Dragos said.

Counselors, project assistants and substitute teachers also represented by the United Teachers of Richmond will receive only a 6 percent raise over the same time frame. This is because their schedules will not change. A new state mandate requires teachers to work another three days.

Settlement of the contract brings to a close nearly a year of heated negotiations between the union and the

district. The union had threatened to strike after the district rejected a 3.5 percent raise recommended by a state mediator and stuck to its 2 percent offer. Talks progressed during a fact-finding stage over the past several weeks.

It's hoped the new contract will put a dent in the revolving door of teachers in the district. Many come to West County to gain experience and then flee to other districts that offer higher pay and better working conditions. The district typically loses about 200 teachers annually.

While relieved that they could now focus on educating students, teachers said they still feel the district has yet to truly make them a priority.

"We are still angry," said Terri Jackson, a fourth-grade teacher at Murphy Elementary School. "We don't believe this is the end. There's more to fight for."

El Cerrito's got a brand-new (book) bag

As part of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual October Fiesta, the Friends of the El Cerrito Public Library will hold its one and only Bag Book Sale of 1999 at the El Cerrito Plaza from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9.

The Friends will bring hundreds of paper and hardback books to the October Fiesta.

For a mere \$2, bibliophiles can purchase an empty Friends of the El Cerrito Library book bag and load it

with mysteries, travel books, romances, science fiction and fantasy, biographies, and too many others to list. All sales will be on a first-come-first-served basis, so interested parties should come early for their best selection.

All profits go to support activities, projects and materials for the El Cerrito Public Library, so come early, stay late and help make your Library a better place by adding to your own collection at home.

EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

Planner moving south

Planning Manager Edward H. Phillips' last day with the city will be Oct. 1. Phillips, who has served as planning manager for El Cerrito for more than six years, had been thinking of retirement, but instead accepted a one-year position doing planning work for the city of Fremont. During the last year and a half, Phillips shepherded El Cerrito's new General Plan through a lengthy process from concept to reality. Those who have worked with Phillips over the years give him unfailingly high marks.

"What I found most outstanding about Ed was the way he treated everyone with respect and the way he lived that in his behavior," said City Manager Gary Pokorny. Pokorny noted that the recent General Plan process was a long and difficult and at times contentious effort. He noted, however, that "throughout it all, Ed unfailingly treated each person, no matter what their point of view, no matter how, at times, contentious the meetings got, with respect and set an example of listening and trying to help them integrate their thoughts into one document."

Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft also praised Phillips, and said Phillips may do some consulting work for El Cerrito after he completes his stint in Fremont. Raycraft praised Phillips' professionalism and attention to detail, and added: "I have not met a whole lot of people that could juggle and keep them all moving and still maintain some level of sanity."

Jill Keimach, a BART planner, will take Phillips' place as planning manager.

Keimach, who will start Friday, has worked for five years with BART. She was previously a planner for the Association of Bay Area Governments, where she was in charge of the Bay Trails project.

A resident of Berkeley, Keimach has a master's degree in planning from UC-Berkeley. She will earn \$5,633 monthly.

Citywide garage sale

Yes, it's that time of year again when you have to decide if it's finally time to get rid of that bean bag chair that has so many 2 a.m. bota-bag memories, but lately does nothing but take up space in the garage.

The 10th annual El Cerrito city-wide garage sale, sponsored by the El Cerrito Recycling Center, will take place Saturday Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Over 150 families throughout El Cerrito will be selling or giving away anything and everything to encourage waste reduction and reduce the amount of garbage going to our landfills," reports Mersina Purlantov, administrative clerk at the city's Recycling Center. Purlantov is coordinating this year's effort and said that the garage provides neighbors with the opportunity to get acquainted, clean out their garages and basements, and participate in a community activity.

"The Harding (Elementary School) PTA is doing something on-site and I just got a phone call yesterday from El Cerrito High and they want to do something also, and so that involves a lot more families as well," Purlantov said.

She said the PTA groups are planning yard sales and barbecues.

If you want to be included in the fun and profit, call Purlantov at (510) 215-4350. The registration fee is \$5 and registration is due by Friday Oct. 1. Free maps and participant lists will be available at the Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane and at the Recycling Center, 7501 Schmidt Lane on Oct. 8 after 3 p.m. and on Oct. 9. Registration is open to El Cerrito residents only.

Bomb scare

On Friday Sept. 17, at about 10:45 a.m., the California Highway Patrol Dispatch Center received a 911 call from a cell phone that warned that a bomb was set to go off "any minute" at El Cerrito High School, reports Interim Police Chief Peter Sarna. Students and teachers were evacuated to the football field and El Cerrito police arrived on the scene. Commander Scot Mosby conferred with Vice Principal Vincent Rhea and other school officials and then police conducted a visual search of the main building and north wing. Sarna reported that "the search was completed without locating any suspicious objects" and the school resumed normal activities at 12:50 p.m. "Commander Mosby was especially pleased with the high level of cooperation between the Department and school administrators throughout the incident," Sarna said.

Sustainable reconstruction

City Manager Gary Pokorny reports that plans to recycle materials generated by the demolition of the El Cerrito Plaza are coming along nicely. Earlier this month, Plaza developer Ronald Holley and architect Brian Gee met with city staff, potential demolition bidder Miguel Ortiz, and Steve Devine of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority to discuss recycling possibilities.

"Although this was only the second time staff has met face to face with Mr. Holley regarding recycling goals for the El Cerrito Plaza project, it was a most productive discussion in terms of convincing the developer of the economic wisdom of recycling," Pokorny said in a report to the City Council. He added that both Holley and Gee "appear to grasp that demolition recycling is not an unrealistic bureaucratic construct, but has become a standard operating procedure in the demolition industry." According to Pokorny, the meeting attendees agreed that "approximately 50 percent" of Plaza demolition debris, primarily concrete and asphalt, can be recycled.

Gee will be drafting demolition bid documents in the next few weeks, Pokorny noted, and added that the architect has agreed to "incorporate recycling objectives" and allow city and waste management authority staff to "comment on the bid packet before it is completed."

— J.R. Deaton

Women, age 99 and 100, have been Albany neighbors over 70 years

By Erica Mailman

It's an amazing string of coincidences: they have birthdays two days apart, they live a few houses away from each other on Curtis Street, their children once went to the same school together, they're both beautiful with strong faces... and they have the same hairdresser!

Hairdresser Tricia Clark reunited acquaintances Billee Vier and Rita Dows after years of not seeing each other. "It was so funny," said Clark in her salon, Tricia's Spot on Solano. She was working on Billee and contemplating her on turning 100 this year. "I said 'I know someone who just turned 99,' and when I told her who was, she said 'Oh, I know Rita!'" Vier then invited Dows to her 100th birthday party on Sept. 13. "I've always like Rita," said Vier. Dows returned the favor, saying Vier "quite a remarkable lady."

Two weeks after the party, helium

balloons still hung from Vier's ceiling. "I'm just glad I'm alive and have participated in as many things as I have," said Vier. "I enjoy being alive."

"That's for sure," added Julie, the woman who stays with Vier and helps her.

Raised in South Dakota, Vier has lived in Albany since the 1920s, moving here with her husband. Her pleasant, well-lit home is full of paintings that she painted. Vier won a scholarship to attend the Academy of Advertising Art in San Francisco, and has won many art awards since then.

She's also a writer. Her book "Mama, Tie a Knot in the Wind" relates what it was like to grow up on the desolate South Dakota plains. "The wind was always blowing," said Vier. "One day, I said to my mother 'Please tie a knot in the wind so it will stop.'" Vier laughed and added, "I knew if mama couldn't do it, nobody else could either."

Vier's gotten some exciting mail

recently: congratulations on turning 100 from the White House and Gov. Gray Davis, and a letter from the governor of South Dakota, proclaiming Sept. 13 "Billee Vier Day." But Vier is taking it all in stride. "I could probably learn to use a computer and have many years to enjoy it."

Rita Dows' 99th birthday party on Sept. 15 was small and intimate. "I purposefully asked my family not to have a big party; it's too much to visit with everyone altogether." Instead, a few members visited at a time over the course of a week, including her younger brother and sister, both in their 90s, who came all the way from Colorado Springs.

Like Vier, she grew up elsewhere (Colorado) but came to Albany in the 1920s, after graduating from the Boston Conservatory of Music. She's been enjoying music ever since she was a small child. "My father was the head of the music department at the high school. They needed a cel-

list, and so I was asked to play with the high school band. I was only 13 at the time."

For 20 years, Dows was organist and choir director at St. Albans Church in Albany. She's still a member of a three-person selection committee that chooses the hymns that the choir sings. "They've been so nice to me at St. Albans," said Dows. She still attends church every Sunday.

Dows related that when her husband, Col. Dows, was alive, the two of them took a road trip across the United States, trying to determine how many towns were named Albany. "We got as far as Ohio, and I think we saw about 36 Albanys. I may be exaggerating a little bit," she said with a laugh.

As many Albanys as Dows has seen, it hasn't diminished her appreciation of what she's experienced. "I've seen so many interesting things," she sighed. "So many lovely things."

Albany schools look to log on the Web

By James Carter

ALBANY — School board members discussed a plan Tuesday that would provide students from sixth to 12th grade access to e-mail, news-groups and the World Wide Web.

The policy, if approved, would require parental notification and approval before students will be permitted access. It will also give the district the right to inspect all student files and guarantee parents and guardians the same.

According to Marianne Camp, director of Curriculum and Instruction,

students will be encouraged to use the World Wide Web as an international library. Access to e-mail and user groups will also increase access to educational sources, she said.

The district will set strict standards regarding "appropriate material" accessible to students on the internet, and will install software to block access to "inappropriate" sites.

However, Camp and board members said parents will be responsible for "transmitting their particular set of family values" to their children.

Board member Bill Cain said it's "just not possible" for the district to

monitor every Web site visited by students based upon each individual family's values.

Traffic problems

Superintendent Gary Mills reported efforts to control traffic flow in front of the Middle School, Marin and Cornell. He said some parents are double parking at all three schools creating traffic jams and potential hazards.

The board and members of the community discussed also discussed dangers due to speeding motorists on Marin Avenue. It was decided the

board would address the city-wide traffic commission regarding those and other related issues.

A report outlining efforts to develop a districtwide curriculum council was also presented by Camp. The council is composed of teachers, students, parents, and board members, Camp said, as well as a representative of the Albany Education Foundation and the Safe Schools Committee.

Camp said once a consensus is reached, the council will report the results to the "Cabinet," also known as the "District Office Team."

Low-cost bike helmets available for Albany residents

By Marc McGinn

ALBANY FIRE CHIEF California's enforceable Bike Helmet Law went into effect on Jan. 1, 1995, requiring everyone under the age of 18 to wear a helmet while riding a bike. Violators could be fined \$25. While many children and teenagers may complain about this new requirement, it is a blessing for parents.

Information compiled by the American Academy of Pediatrics shows that nearly one fourth of all brain injuries in children 15 years or younger are caused by bicycle accidents. Approximately 600 children die from bike injuries each year, and 10 percent of those fatalities were the result of head traumas. Wearing

a bike helmet reduces the risk of head injury by 85 percent.

Most people have misconceptions about bike accidents. Many individuals believe that bicycle accidents are caused when cyclists collide with cars. However, the majority of bike accidents result from collisions with fixed objects such as curbs or poles, from poor road surface conditions, or by losing control of a bike due to mechanical problems.

Consider these facts:

■ An impact of 150 to 200 G's (gravitational force to which a body at rest is subjected when accelerated)

to the head causes a loss of consciousness. A fall of three to four feet could cause an impact of as much as 100 G's which most likely would cause severe brain damage or death. A bike helmet can reduce this same impact down to 100 G's.

■ 75 percent of all cyclists' deaths involve head injuries.

■ Lifetime care of a head injury patient is estimated to be between \$4.5 million and \$7 million. How do you measure the cost of a lifetime of heartache, blame, grief and tears?

The Albany Fire Department, along with ProRider Inc., is com-

mitted to reducing the number of bike-related head injuries by offering top quality helmets. ProRider helmets come in a variety of colors and sizes to fit everyone, and they cost only \$8. Since 1993, the Albany Fire Department has sold over 700 helmets.

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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Economic development/redevelopment: a new approach

By Gina M. Brusatori
MAYOR OF EL CERRITO

At the City Council meeting on Sept. 13 we discussed a request from McNevin Cadillac and/or Best Inn to expand in El Cerrito on the Eastshore Boulevard site. In conjunction with this agenda item, I introduced two new concepts for evaluating whether we should provide financial assistance and if so, then how much.

The first concept is to use financial analysis to determine how much the city or redevelopment agency could invest in a particular development project based upon future income earned. The second concept is to place a limit on our investment. Most often, a developer or owner announces how much they will invest and expects us to cover all the expenses above that limit. Neither concept has been employed in the history of redevelopment in El Cerrito to the best of my knowledge, and yet the concepts provide an important framework.

Background

In most economic development or redevelopment situations, a developer or property owner approaches the city or redevelopment agency seeking financial assistance for a project, such as an auto dealership, retail store or hotel. The project may produce sales tax and/or property tax, or in the case of a hotel, transit occupancy tax.

The city or redevelopment agency then has to decide whether to invest in the project. From what I can tell, decisions are not based on formal financial analysis, but rather on broadly stated and/or qualitative factors such as whether additional taxes will be generated and whether "blighted areas" will be eliminated. Moreover, few limits are set on the amount of financial assistance that may be given. When additional expenses arise such as legal fees, or unknown costs are quantified such as eminent domain and relocation expenses, we, rather than the private developer or owner, in effect, write "blank checks".

A financial analysis approach

The city or redevelopment agency may consider investing in a project that is assumed to exist for 10 years for the purpose of providing financial assistance. A 10-year period is reasonable because conventional sources of business loans such as banks, insurance companies and public bondholders usually will not provide financing for more 10 years. Operating a business is risky, and many companies close or change locations.

To calculate the income earned or return on an investment, we need to select a desired interest rate. For the purposes of this analysis, I will use 12 percent because it is typically what developers seek when they approach us for financial assistance.

Present value analysis is a basic tool of financial analysis that calculates the current worth of a series of future payments or income. We can state our investment decisions based on the earlier assumptions as follows:

"The City and/or Redevelopment Agency is considering investing in a project with a series of payments or cash flows that may include sales tax, property tax and transit occupancy tax. The expected project life is 10 years and there is no future value (as is the case when paying off a loan). What is the maximum amount we can invest to realize a 12 percent return?"

McNevin Cadillac as a real-life example

According to McNevin, city staff and my estimates, if McNevin opened a Cadillac/VW dealership on the Eastshore Boulevard site, it would generate net \$329,000 in sales tax per year and \$22,682 in incremental property taxes. The property taxes would be net, after deducting 30 percent for pass-throughs to other government agencies such as the WCCUSD and less 20 percent for the low-income housing set-asides, since the Agency does not have access to

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Proper scrutiny made a more solid Plaza plan

By Janet Abelson

When my El Cerrito neighborhood gathered for a National Night Out potluck, we eagerly devoured tidbits of news about the Plaza along with our meals. Some of my neighbors were surprised to learn how much progress has been made. New tenants have been signed, new buildings are being designed, current tenants are relocating within the Plaza, and the farmers market is thriving in its new location. I look forward to the grand opening and to a much-needed infusion of sales tax dollars to the city.

As a long-time resident and Plaza shopper, I was both saddened and motivated by its decline. I took part in Plaza discussions and public forums for several years. Recently, as a city planning commissioner, I had the opportunity to help move the project forward. The commission approved the project at its first meeting, but not until we required new sidewalks and streets within the Plaza that will make it easier to get to BART, the Ohlone Greenway, and connecting streets.

Other positive features of the renovation include the undergrounding of utilities, the opening-up of the creek near the Greenway, and the small shops along Fairmount, which will give the area a more "main street" feel. The Design Review Board worked especially hard to make the buildings more architecturally pleasing. I am

also pleased that our current merchants will be joined by a mix of businesses and restaurants selling a variety of goods and services. I look forward to shopping and spending time at the renovated Plaza.

All of this was accomplished without public subsidy, unlike the original plan for a monster-sized WalMart or the revised plan for a low-end, cookie-cutter strip mall. Similarly, the department store plan would have required a large public subsidy. Unfortunately, the department store owners would not invest in El Cerrito without a large government handout. The community was wise to say no.

Instead, the Plaza owners and the new businesses invested millions of their own dollars to revitalize the Plaza. Because we insisted on a fiscally sound plan with an appropriate design and mix of stores, the Plaza will be a much better place than it would otherwise have been.

I am committed to continuing the positive effort to improve the Plaza and the surrounding area, as work begins on the Phase II plans, the south side of the Plaza. There is a tremendous opportunity to work with BART and the other property owners along Fairmount Avenue to attract additional retail stores that can serve more of our shopping needs.

Janet Abelson is an El Cerrito Planning Commissioner and City Council candidate.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Turn down campus cop grant

We are writing regarding the recently offered federal grant to place an armed law officer within our community's high school. We urge the Albany School Board and the Albany City Council to not accept this grant, or provide matching funds. Below are our reasons, and a suggested alternative:

■ The only reason to post an armed officer at the high school is for the guise of greater safety. The tragedy at Columbine High in Colorado was not prevented by the armed officer there. However, trained and acutely aware counselors may have been able to disarm the anger among the students long before it boiled over.

■ In our opinion, an armed law officer sends a message that guns are tolerated on campus. They are not, and should never be, under any circumstances.

■ Teen-agers are experiencing some of the most difficult years of their lives, discovering autonomy and confronting their fears. Authority is challenged. We were both very good students, but treated police with avoidance, at best. An officer at the high school would be largely ineffective, and seen as a form of harassment by most students.

■ Unlike some Bay Area high schools (including the one visited by the task force), Albany High is not a "war zone." Our specific issues call for a more specific response.

■ This program is half funded for only three years, requiring the city and district to not only match these funds, but also commit to funding it into the future without the federal grant. This money is much better spent on more appropriate resources.

■ Albany is a small city, geographically close to the issues of Albany police are always close at hand. With today's communication technology they are closer than ever.

We suggest that the city and district jointly fund a counseling specialist to establish both a peer-counseling program and a community career-counseling program. These programs would provide the best conduit to the concerns of the students through the students themselves. It would also connect the high school with the human resources of our community, including members of the police department.

For the sake of our entire community, please deny the funding of an armed law officer at our high school, and carefully consider more appropriate alternatives.

Anni Tilt,
David Arkin
Albany

Pool plan and city deficit

As usual, J.R. Deaton did a fine job of covering the issues surrounding the need to repair the swim center in El Cerrito. What especially caught my eye in his article of Sept. 23 were the reported remarks of Norman La Force.

He is said to have stated that the Committee of the Whole had exceeded its charter to examine a potential budget deficit by delving into the pool matter.

Just how we were supposed to carry out

our charter without examining potential costs vs. potential revenues of all kinds escapes me. It was just this kind of approach by the CoTW that revealed the fact that the Redevelopment Agency owed the city some \$1.4 million, an obvious important factor in any deficit to come. It was this sort of study that led to the recommendation to place the RDA in hiatus until its debt to the city is repaid, a step agreed to by the council.

It wasn't easy to get the factual data which led to that step. The search required the cooperation of city staff, which was forthcoming, a most helpful aid which continues today.

The CoTW goal in looking at the pool costs was to get estimates as sound as possible so as to be able to reckon the burden on the taxpayer needed to get the job done. In addition, an attempt is in progress to get good estimates for other needed infrastructure repairs so as to understand the total burden.

Whatever that cost turns out to be, it will have derived from past policy decisions that spent inadequate moneys on maintenance, decisions which will now rebound to the taxpayer in the form of more taxes.

If all this does not have bearing on any potential city deficit, I would be pleased to have Mr. La Force explain why.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Harris-Pitts deserves another term

As a two-term West County School Board member, I have witnessed firsthand for the past four years the outstanding performances of incumbent school board member Adrienne Harris-Pitts. She is a committed, vocal advocate for students and their educational needs. She insists on high standards in the classroom and has been dedicated to turning around our schools, even in the face of adversity.

Adrienne deserves another four-year term because she has delivered for our community in areas such as:

■ Voted to fully fund the Richmond middle school

■ Reached an agreement this month with the teachers that averted a potential strike

■ Restored the sixth period to the middle schools

■ Voted to take the Mira Vista school off the surplus property list

■ Won full funding for the Hercules Middle/High School

■ Hired a well-respected superintendent who focuses on teaching and learning.

Because of these steps and many other actions, student enrollment in our district is up, student suspensions are down, and the community has renewed confidence in the school board. Another factor is that with one school board member retiring, having Adrienne Harris-Pitts re-elected will ensure an experienced school board to continue the positive direction the school district has made since the bankruptcy.

Charles Ramsey,
governing board member,
West Contra Costa
Unified School District,
El Cerrito

Two outstanding candidates

To my El Cerrito friends and neighbors, I commend two outstanding candidates to the El Cerrito City Council, namely Janet Abelson and Letitia Moore.

Janet is our city's leading advocate for children, the disabled, the aging, the ethnic minorities and the poor. She champions economic development, replenishment of the infrastructure, and preservation of an outstanding city manager. As a key member of our planning commission, Jane led the way to a much required general plan update befitting the 21st century.

We could not ask for more in a City Council member.

Letitia Moore is the first black person to run for City Council. She is a lawyer who does much pro bono work for those in need. Her platform parallels Janet's. I commend them to you with all my heart and mind.

Dan Freudenreich
El Cerrito

Not happy with move to Fridays

I fail to see how changing the date to a later, Friday instead of Thursday, will enable readers to make earlier plans for the weekend.

We usually receive the Journal in late afternoon, and if it is not published until Friday we will be unable to take advantage of even that evening.

I believe that Friday is usually considered the beginning of the weekend and it is surely to the benefit of your advertisers to be ahead.

I enjoy The Journal very much and particularly the articles by Clara Rae Gensert and Martin Snapp.

Kensington rarely makes the news in many of our activities are in the adjacent towns and we patronize the local entertainment, which is second to none. We receive West County Times also.

We will try to look far enough ahead to tell you and other readers up-to-date on local entertainment.

Land-use planning policies outdated

With their action to set a pragmatic, Urban Limit Line, the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors has taken a small but bold step. Regional land-use planning, a political "train" in California for far too long, should not be the focus of legitimate, informed discussion.

The board should take up this discussion in earnest, and other California counties should follow their leadership.

Homebuilders and NIMBYs, politicians

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

School loan forgiveness effort founders

By Tony Mercado

A community group hoping to persuade Gov. Gray Davis to forgive a \$1 million state loan to the West Contra Costa Unified School District failed, at least so far, to gain the support of the district's own board. The nonprofit Alliance for Public Education, a group of teachers, parents and local merchants, wants to let the district fold its loan payments from a 1991 state bailout into school programs.

In a vote last week, district trustees Glen Price and Karen Leong — both alliance members — backed a resolution supporting the loan. Trustee Charles Ramsey and District Board member D-Antioch, who abstained, saying they did not have enough information about the board's role in the lobbying plan to support it.

Trustee Adrienne Harris-Pitts, who is seeking re-election, left the meeting early to vote and returned immediately afterward.

"We're all going in the same direction, but jamming this down the throat is not the way to do it," Harris-Pitts said. "We need to take it step at a time like the way our legislators believe this process should

be done." Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, D-Alameda, initiated a bill this year that would reduce the interest payments on the debt. She could not be reached

after she left her Berkeley office Friday, but Easton said Aroner has suggested a more low-key approach to seeking state relief.

Elsewhere, the alliance has garnered broad support. Backing its campaign are the city councils and mayors of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole and Richmond, the East Bay Education Network, Familias Unidas and unions for the district's teachers and classified employees.

The group is calling on people to get the word out about the debt and how it affects the way the district educates its 33,000 students. It has yet to say how or when it will lobby state lawmakers, though the group has encouraged its members to launch a letter-writing campaign to the governor.

Price said the school board's efforts could weaken the alliance's stance to drive home the severity of the problem in Sacramento.

"In my mind, it's unconscionable. These are resources that belong to the children," Price said. "Our leaders in Sacramento are telling us community voices need to be heard. To lay back is just contradictory."

Other state lawmakers have joined in support of the district. Assemblyman Tom Torlakson, D-Antioch, and state Sens. Richard Rainey, R-Walnut Creek, and Don Perata, D-Alameda, have teamed with the district to create a spending plan for the money if the state forgives or relaxes the loan. The district still owes the state \$21

million from a 1991 loan that enabled it to keep its schools open in the face of a near financial collapse. Under terms of the loan, the district must pay \$1.85 million each year until 2018 — an amount roughly equal to the annual budget for books and supplies.

"It's such a no-brainer to support this," said Marta Dragos, president of the United Teachers of Richmond. "This is a burden we shouldn't have to carry. I don't know where (the board) is coming from."

Ramsey, who said he initially planned to support the resolution, backed off, saying the alliance made no presentation and failed to provide trustees an in-depth analysis of its plans.

Coupled with the departure earlier in the evening of Superintendent Johna Johnston because of a personal emergency, Ramsey said it was best to shelve the proposal.

"We know forgiving the debt is a key component on our road to recovery," he said. "But we have to be sure decisions we make are ones based on information, and I haven't seen anything."

Price and other alliance members said they remain confident that the school board will eventually back the effort.

"Once we talk it out more, we'll find out what kind of information board members need to support it," said Price.

PTA urges walking your child to school

ALBANY — The Albany PTA Council encourages parents to walk their children to school Wednesday, Oct. 6.

The purpose of Walk A Child To School Day is to give parents an opportunity to inspect the routes their children take to make certain they are safe.

Parents and other members of the community are also encouraged to take the time to teach children safe pedestrian behavior.

The event is sponsored by the National PTA.

"There's a lot of traffic in Albany,"

said Karen Carlson-Olson, one of the local organizers of the event. "We're also a small community with lots of kids. We need to be sure the routes children take to school are safe, and the best way to be sure of that is to walk a child there yourself."

"This should be the first step in our community toward insuring safety for students going to school, whether they are walking or biking," she added.

Carlson-Olson is the disaster preparedness chair for the Albany PTA.

Many Albany parents with children attending new schools this year

have expressed some concerns about street-crossing safety issues.

The National PTA maintains that the surest way to alleviate such concerns — or to contribute positive suggestions, if needed — is for parents and other members of the community to walk the child.

All members of Albany are encouraged to participate in Walk A Child To School Day, Carlson-Olson said, who added "Just keeping a lookout — even from your porch or kitchen window — can be helpful."

For more information, call 524-7004.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

California State PTA Legislative Alert: Healthy Schools Act of 1999, AB 1207 (SUPPORT)

By Kay Weinstein

This law would provide schools with the tools and incentives they need to begin reducing environmental health hazards and provide parents and teachers with right-to-know information about environmental health hazards associated with the use of pesticides. The bill would also provide schools with information on how to assess the indoor air quality of schools and "portable" classrooms. Call, FAX and/or write Gov. Davis to sign this important piece of legislation:

Gov. Gray Davis, 1st Floor State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-445-2841, FAX: 916-445-4633.

Albany PTA Council.

■ Oct. 2, Middle School Curriculum Meeting with Asst. Superintendent Marianne Camp, 10 a.m. — noon, AMS Library

■ Oct. 6, National PTA "Walk A Child To School Day!" Adults will leave their cars at home and walk children to school: children and parents will spend time together and practice safe pedestrian behavior; the community will highlight the benefits of active and safe routes to schools; and community leaders will commit to making it safer for our children to walk, bike and play outside.

■ Oct. 9, High School Curriculum Meeting with Asst. Superintendent Marianne Camp, 10 a.m. — noon, Location TBA

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at 525-5047. Support AHS Arts!

■ Oct. 4, PTA Meeting, 7:15 p.m., AHS Library, Topics: Homecoming, Budget Approval

■ Oct. 7, Instructional Improvement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

Albany Middle School

■ SCRIP Orders: Support AMS by buying Safeway certificates. Call Karen Moss at 526-2018 or Linda Okamoto at 525-6782.

■ Oct. 7, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

Cornell Elementary School

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■ Oct. 7, PTA Budget Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

■ Oct. 16, Walkathon Fundraiser, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m., Ocean View Playground

AUSD Board of Education

Oct. 12, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 525-0363 or e-mail: kayweinstein@yahoo.com

Student transit proposal moves forward

Meeting with parents and representatives of CCISCO (Contra Costa Interdistrict Sponsoring Committee) last week, Superintendent Gloria Johnston backed an innovative plan to subsidize transportation costs for students who are unable to afford bus passes during certain periods of every month. The pilot program will be funded initially with private funds from the S.H. Zell Foundation.

The WCCUSD does not provide transportation to and from school, and must secure their own transportation and many rely on AC Trans buses. Destination middle schools have long noted a cyclical pattern of student attendance whereby student attendance drops off toward the end of every month due to diminished household resources to pay for bus passes. Crespi, Adams and Portola Middle Schools, for example, report close to 100 students who regularly miss school days each month due to transit-related problems.

The pilot program currently being developed will focus on these three middle schools and provide assistance up to 100 students at each school on five days of bus passes each month. Johnston said the district will carefully monitor the program to track its

impact on student attendance.

Names sought for new schools

Do you have an idea for naming the new schools being built in Hercules and Richmond?

The new middle-high school in Hercules is scheduled to open in the fall of 2001. The new middle school in Richmond is projected to open in fall 2002.

Suggestions should relate in some positive way to learning and education. Suggestion forms are available in school offices throughout the district or call (510) 620-CAST (620-2278) to phone in your suggestion.

School board candidate forum next week

The WCCUSD, League of Women Voters, and the Bayside Council PTA are sponsoring a series of school board candidates forums to enable voters to meet the candidates and hear their views on education issues.

The next forum will be held on Thursday, October 7 in the De Anza High School Cafeteria from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. De Anza High School is located at 5000 Valley View Road.

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

ECHS Information Night

El Cerrito High School will hold an Information Night for parents and students of the class of 2004 (entering Fall 2000) on Monday, Nov. 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Meet ECHS students, teachers, parents and administrators, tour ECHS classrooms, enjoy refreshments, and learn about life at El Cerrito High.

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Letters

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actors: all are merely actors on a stage. The stage was set some 60 years ago by business and political leaders who needed to rationalize the development industry.

The legal and institutional framework for subdividing and developing suburban land has changed little since its creation in the 1930s.

It has served us well, but has nearly reached its limits. Californians build the world's most spectacular technology, but are chained to a regional system of land development representing the best thinking of 1934. It is a system that painstakingly delivers anti-cities, habitats for automobiles.

We deserve better. In the '70s and '80s, the goal of the environmental movement was to preserve habitats for animals and plants. In this generation, we have another goal: de-

living real cities, habitats for human beings.

Stephen Lawton
planning commissioner,
city of Hercules

'Dunk a Lawyer' at book festival

Autumn is here, and that means more people will turn their leisure hours from mountain biking and sunbathing to more genteel, "literary" pursuits. Topping the list of great fall events is the San Francisco Book Festival, held at Fort Mason on Oct. 16 and 17. It's the perfect time to come out and support local independent bookstores and publishers.

This year, Nolo is sharing a booth with Stacey's Bookstore. In an economy of franchise giants and media behemoths, Stacey's has been an independent Bay Area institution for more than 75 years, and Nolo, its own quirky self-help law revolution for nearly 30 years.

To add a little fun for a good cause, we're sponsoring a Dunk-a-Lawyer water tank. A dollar gets you three

shots to sink one of our tie-clad, briefcase-toting volunteer lawyers in the tank, with all the proceeds going to California Lawyers for the Arts, a nonprofit legal defense fund that serves the varied legal needs of artists. (All the lawyers in this tank are big-hearted local attorneys with a great sense of humor.)

Dunk-a-Lawyer premieres at the San Francisco Book Festival on Oct. 16 and 17. Doors open to the public at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Advance festival tickets are available at local bookstores for \$3, or at the door for \$5. Anyone 18 or under gets free admission. It's a perfect weekend outing for families and book lovers, and a great way to show your support for Bay Area independents.

And don't forget to swing by the Dunk-a-Lawyer tank for a chance to sink a lawyer and cheer on the good works that California Lawyers for the Arts does in serving the arts community.

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Ken Lee
publicist

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Art

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bright fluorescent colors made to look like a caterpillar. Ron Dolce of Oakland was there with his "Glass Quilt" ride. More than 300 pounds of marble and stained glass have been added to his 1969 Volkswagen bug. L. Kelly Lyles, 42, from Seattle drove down for the festival in "Leopard Bernstein," a 1989 Subaru covered over in plastic leopards, tigers and other big cats. There are feline figurines glued to the hood, the trunk, the dash, the doors and wherever. Lyles made clawing motions and growled at people who stared and gawked at the distinctive caravan wended its way through East Bay streets.

A man from Bisbee, Ariz., who has the one-word name "Seven," drove his "Interactive Functional Sculpture Mobile II — Enigma." Seven said his vehicle is the only legally registered "sculpture mobile" in the state of Arizona. "All the stuff on my car I find at the dump," he said. Another car has plastic mannequin legs and other body parts glued on here and there. The seemingly severed ends are painted red for extra effect.

The "Cootie" car from Oregon has all kinds of plastic bugs glued onto it. One car had hundreds of mummified blue fish from the Salton Sea glued to its hood and a sign in the window reading: "Warning — protected by unconditional love." (The fish were found dead washed up on the lake's shore) Another vehicle,

perhaps protected by the spirit of Woody Guthrie, had written on it "this machine kills fascists" and another urged us to "practice random peanut butter & senseless act of jelly."

Jan D. Elftmann from Minnesota drove her "Cork Truck" in the caravan. It used to be a plain old 1987 Mazda pickup, but it metamorphosed into the "Cork Truck" when Elftmann glued more than 10,000 wine and champagne corks onto its sheet metal. "No, I don't want to drive it into a lake to see if it floats," Elftmann tells people.

At Harding Elementary School where the caravan stopped for about an hour, kids romped in the cars, touched the art pieces attached to the vehicles and screamed in delight and wonder. You get the feeling that young minds were either inspired or corrupted by all this art on wheels.

"I think they're pretty cool — they're creative," said 6-year-old first-grader Jake Lengacher when asked about the art cars.

As teachers tried to keep some semblance of schoolyard order, kids ran from delight to delight with big eyes and outstretched arms.

"I think it's good art," said 11-year-old art critic Ovonte Kendall. Asked why he thought people made art cars, Kendall said "I'm not really sure." Pointing to a blue pickup decorated with green mannequins, Kendall said "I like how those things come out the side."

Sixth-grader Nick Bezemek, 10, pointed out several vehicles and said "I like the leopard one with all the animals on it and I like the one with the eyes over there." Why would peo-

Local artist Emily Duffy drove her "Mondrian Mobile" to the schools. She describes the former 1984 Nissan Sentra as "El Cerrito's most graphic art car."

ple do that to their cars, he was asked. "Because it's fun," Bezemek answered without hesitation.

"Is this straight out of 'Mad' magazine or what?" said one passerby checking out the art cars as they gathered at El Cerrito Plaza before the school tours.

Art car artist Philo Northrup of San Francisco was driving his 1986 "Buick of Unconditional Love," his fifth art car.

"A car is sort of a natural extension of your identity," Northrup said. "We're just being ourselves," he added. The 38-year-old Northrup said that many of the art car drivers are legitimate artists, using their rides as their medium.

Local artist Emily Duffy drove her "Mondrian Mobile" to the schools. She describes the former 1984 Nissan Sentra as "El Cerrito's most graphic art car." The car is decorated in the style of modernist Dutch painter Piet Mondrian. It looks like some kind of rolling Lego toy with red and blue and yellow squares and rectangles separated by black lines. A Mondrianesque cityscape made of painted plywood sits atop the vehicle.

"It's all rectangles and squares — no curved lines," Duffy said to describe her art car. "It's got the three primary colors — red, blue and yellow — and then the neutrals of black and white," she added.

Duffy thought about transforming her Nissan into an art car for sometime before finally getting up the nerve to do it in 1996. The red paint on the Nissan was oxidizing and this was the immediate impetus for the "Mondrian Mobile." She had graduated from art school at UC-Berkeley and was inspired by the Harrod Blank film "Wild Wheels" about art cars and their owners.

"It blew my mind and I realized that I fit in better with them than I did with the art school set," Duffy said.

She said she wants her "Mondrian Mobile" to "bring art out of the rarified highfalutin stuck-up environment of museums and art schools and bring it to the street, literally, to regular people and have it be more everyday."

Lyles, in her "Leopard Bernstein" car, said she started decorating her vehicles 12 years ago when she owned an old Ford Pinto. "It was so embarrassing to drive that Pinto that I thought I better do something," she said. Lyles works in Seattle as a graphic artist, but one of her loves is art cars. "It's really fun," she said. "It's street art," she added. Lyles said she enjoys the camaraderie of the art-car set and the laughter they bring to people.

"It's fun — it's so much fun — you just get to laugh all the time."

Arms

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reluctance to sign the petition, though their reasons varied. None agreed to be quoted in this newspaper.

"I don't Konig personally, but from what I've heard — admittedly anecdotal — he and his friends have done some strange things and caused problems in the neighborhood. A lot of us have children and we have to be cautious."

The vast majority of those present were shocked to learn both men had been released from prison on bail. Residents were particularly concerned about the presence of a convicted sex offender in a neighborhood centered around a children's

playground.

However at least two individuals defended Konig, who has lived in Albany for 30 years.

"I don't like him having a sex offender living in his house," said Chris Koldinski. "That's not good. But this other stuff looks like a witch hunt to me, where people are trying to run (Konig) out of town. According to the police, they still don't know exactly what happened that night."

"I know a lot of people in the neighborhood are going to be upset by what I have to say," Koldinski added. "But (Konig) helped me out once when I took down a tree, and whenever I've seen him, he always seemed to be a decent person. And these people want to have a petition but they don't want him to see whose names are on it."

One parent said she sensed a bit

of a "mob mentality" at the meeting, but added "it's understandable, really. I mean we need to be thoughtful and not jump to any conclusions. But many people have children and want to feel safe in their homes and their neighborhood. And right now, they don't."

Residents gasped when the petition organizer announced that police confirmed there was a suicide committed in Konig's driveway on April 21, 1989 — one the coroner ruled was committed under "suspicious circumstances."

The neighborhood organizer also said Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo confirmed that tragedy occurred in a mobile home owned by Konig and with a gun registered under his name.

Reports that there were several men in the mobile home at the time

of the death and that police suspected the gathering may have been playing Russian Roulette drew yet another gasp from residents.

"This man has got to go!" one woman exclaimed, though others in the audience seemed a bit troubled by her outcry. Yet regardless of the outburst, the majority of those gathered felt something needed to be done to prevent any future incidents.

Palmini and McQuiston patiently answered questions from the crowd for more than an hour.

After the meeting Palmini said, "Residents are very concerned about their safety and that of their loved ones, which is as it should be."

"It was really nice to see they want to take a proactive approach in an effort to contain the problem created by this situation. It would be great if that happened more often."

Agency

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either amount.

The total annual payments, or income to the city in the case of the sales taxes and the agency in the case of the property taxes, would be \$351,682. Using 10 years, 12 percent interest and no future value, the present value of this stream of income would be \$1,987,082. This means that we could invest this much into the McNevin project and break even over 10 years.

Is break even enough? Presumably, we want to reap a financial gain from economic development and thus we should retain some or most of the sales tax for the city. Suppose we recalculate the present value amount, using 100 percent of the property tax revenue, but only 30 percent of the sales tax for a total of \$121,382 per year. This reduces our investment in the project to \$685,835.

Thus, using the present value analysis framework, we would be willing to invest approximately \$700,000 to \$1.9 million into the McNevin project. Since the agency has little or no excess funds at this time or for the foreseeable future, the agency would have to seek private financing from McNevin or a developer who would from the agency's investment. Since the city is legally prohibited from providing financing, we would need to confirm that the agency could repay the amount over time from the property tax revenues alone.

This brings us to the second concept, namely the idea that we should limit our investment, instead of writing "blank checks." We can cap the amount we contribute. This approach protects us from participating in a venture that may have costs that are

unknown or that rise unexpectedly. Those expenses should and would be covered by the developer or owner who, after all, unlike the city and the redevelopment agency, is in the business of taking risks.

In the case of the McNevin project, the owner indicated an interest in investing up to \$2.4 million. The project costs, however, are unknown, but most likely are sizable. For instance, assembling the 10 parcels on the 3.9-acre site, excluding the three parcels that the agency already owns could easily cost \$8.7 million. I arrived at this figure by taking the \$66 per square foot rate at which the agency paid for land and improvements on an 8,750-square-foot lot about 10 years ago and multiplying it by the remaining parcels.

In addition to direct land acquisition costs, there would be other costs including possible cleanup costs of soil contamination, relocation costs of existing businesses, legal and environmental review expenses and of course, staff costs. In total, the costs could exceed \$10 million.

The potential "gap" between what McNevin would be willing to invest and the actual cost of the project could therefore exceed \$8 million. By keeping our investment to \$1 million or less, the McNevin developer or owner would have to fund the "gap" of \$7 million. This financial analysis confirmed what many were already thinking, that it did not make financial sense for us to pursue the McNevin project at this time. Importantly however, it provided a quantitative method of analyzing a project.

At the Sept. 13 council meeting, my fellow council members seemed to recognize the value of performing financial analysis and setting a limit on investments in projects. I believe that these concepts position us well

for the future as we strengthen our business community using economic development, while at the same time, protecting the financial health of the city.

Target Store revisited

As a footnote, I want to revisit the Target store, a Redevelopment Agency project in the early 1990s. I applied the same present value analysis framework as discussed above.

I used the incremental annual sales tax of \$235,000 and the gross incremental property tax (before deductions for pass-throughs and set-asides) of \$61,000 for a total of \$296,000 annually. The results show that we could have invested \$1.7 million to break even over 10 years at 12 percent interest. We actually invested over \$7 million, or more than four times more. Was present value analysis or any other type of financial analysis performed at the time the council considered investing in the Target store project?

My guess is that when Dayton Hudson approached the agency for financial assistance, the council and staff were eager to pursue the pro-

ject, even though the costs were sizable and/or unknown. They were less concerned with using formal financial analysis because they wanted to pursue other goals. For instance, they may have been trying to broaden our retail base, "jump start" development at the north end of town, and remove businesses and land uses that they considered a "blight" on the community. Were achieving these and other goals "worth" an extra \$5 million dollars? I am not inclined to think so.

Opportunity costs

By investing in the Target store and other big box projects at the north end of town, the agency lost the opportunity to do anything at the Plaza, such as attract a department store because the agency "ran out of money."

Frankly, until the revitalized Plaza (thanks to the owners) starts ringing up sales over the next few years, the agency has little or no capacity to provide financial assistance. Accordingly, the timing could not be better for putting the agency in "hiatus" until the approximate \$800,000 it owes the city in staff time is repaid.



SISTERS ANTIQUES is a fixture on Solano.

Focus on Sisters Antiques

By Roxanne Wiley

Gayle Davis, owner of Sisters, has done something we all wish we could do. She made her passion her livelihood. For years, Gayle toiled in the accounting world of business when one day she and her sister Jan started Sisters, a store which is part antiques and part collectibles. She has linens, pottery, kitchenware, some furniture, jewelry and odds and ends. After six months she bought out her sister and became the sole owner. I love entrepreneurs don't you?

She is heavily into estate sales. Estate sales usually happen when individuals are paring down their stuff to move to smaller quarters. After she has the weekend estate sale, she then may buy some of the items for the store, but always after the sale. She is always looking for new inventory, which she may buy outright or put on consignment, depending on the pieces. She wants items made before 1950. If you are interested in her services, call her at 528-8082.

Gayle thinks her passion came from when her mother used to drag her to second hand stores in quest of a "really good buy." She just naturally absorbed her mother's passion to her own and now she sits in her little yellow store at 1250 Solano Ave., packed with all sorts of goodies, happy with her lot.

Pool employee of the month

Alexandra Spautz, has been selected as "Employee of the Month"

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for August. Alexandra is a recent new employee, who began working at the pool in June and is a responsible, personable, good attitude. Good for you, Alexandra!

Andrea Dennis has been selected as the "Teacher of the Month" for August. She has a natural talent for teaching, is patient, warm, attentive to each student, and also a student at Albany High School.

Dorena Wilkinson has been selected as the "Teacher of the Month" for adults. Dorena began working at the pool in 1994 as a volunteer and worked as a lifeguard and instructor. She has many lifeguarding and is excellent at working with individual swimmers.

Dorena is also a graduate of Albany High and currently attends college of Marin and in her spare time makes jewelry at Albany High School.

Friends of Senior Center hold pasta dinner
It is that time of year again. Friends of the Senior Center are putting on their annual pasta dinner to raise money for the center. On Oct. 24 and I wanted to make sure now so you can plan for it. So as a reminder before the day

POLITICAL NOTE

Congress of Republicans September meeting

The Kensington-El Cerrito Congress of Republicans will have its September meeting and dinner on Friday, with guest speaker Assemblyman Jim Guneen.

Cunneen represents the district to the west of San Jose covers the

South Bay suburbs of Los Altos, Los Gatos, Campbell, Saratoga, home of Silicon Valley's burgeoning computer industry.

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Regional parks tax measure could return to voters

By James Bruggers

After seeing a maintenance tax measure lose at the polls last November, the East Bay Regional Park Board may go back to Contra Costa and Alameda voters next year.

The board is staging two public hearings within the next nine days that leaders hope will build support for funding their expanding maintenance needs.

The district has grown from about 100 acres to 91,000 acres since 1988. However, Measure W did not include maintenance

wants to open up discussions, to see what (the public's) vision and needs are, and how the park district should tackle these issues."

Last November a majority of East Bay voters supported Measure W, but that wasn't good enough; the measure required two-thirds approval. It missed by 2 percentage points.

The measure would have boosted property taxes by \$9.50 per single home and \$8.10 per unit on multifamily properties to open new parks and pay for maintenance in older parks. However, Measure W failed to get unanimous support from the East Bay's highly visible environmental community.

At first some activists withheld their support out of anger that the district had demoted a popular employee, but later, organizing under the name Friends of Parks, they expanded their criticisms to include fiscal and administrative concerns.

They complained Measure W had no sunset clause and would tax only residential property, not commercial

land. They also questioned district spending priorities and the need for the money. Critics included former park board member Harlan Kessel of Oakland.

The Regional Parks Association, a watchdog group, still has problems with the district and will not be participating in the meetings, said Helen Klebanoff, the group's president and a Friends of Parks leader. Friends of Parks has complained about the district's policies on cutting fuel breaks, cattle grazing, employee morale, and land-use planning.

"They want to talk about, 'What should we put in a new Measure W?'" Klebanoff said. "The Regional Parks Association wants to talk about what changes need to be made within the park district. These are two different issues."

The board's legislative committee has agreed that any new measure should contain a sunset provision, perhaps as short as 10 years, O'Brien said. Board members are determin-

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WHY: To meet with visitor groups, such as hikers, bicyclists, campers and youth associations.

WHERE: District headquarters, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland

ing other ways to make the measure more palatable, and need public input, he added.

IN BRIEF

Ordinance will close city parks every night

ALBANY — Memorial Park will close from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily, and camping or storage of personal belongings will not be allowed in all city parks, open space and recreational areas under a proposed ordinance the City Council approved on a first reading Monday.

The ordinance is an extension of a similar law the city passed in the spring that applies to waterfront areas and Albany Hill, which are closed from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

Memorial Park, located behind Albany High School between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Portland Avenue, is the city's largest park.

The council will hold a final reading Oct. 4. If passed the law will take effect 30 days later.

Bus service starts to new Richmond ferry

AC Transit yesterday introduced West Contra Costa County's newest commute-hour bus line, with schedules specifically designed to connect on weekdays with the new ferry service linking Richmond with downtown San Francisco.

New Line 374 bus service links Point Richmond, downtown Richmond, the transit center at BART/Richmond, and the Marina Bay area with the new ferry termi-

nal at the foot of Harbour Way, en route to and from the ferry, the new bus line serves neighborhoods along Regatta Boulevard, Marina Bay Parkway, South 23rd Street, Macdonald Avenue and Garrard Boulevard.

At Richmond BART, Line 374 makes transfer connections with the regional rail system and Amtrak, and also mainline AC Transit bus service.

On weekday mornings, Line 374 buses will arrive at the terminal to serve the 6, 6:30, 7:40 and 8:15 a.m. ferry departures to San Francisco. Line 374 also connects with the ferries from San Francisco arriving in Richmond at 6:20, 7:35 and 8:05 a.m. weekdays.

On weekday afternoons, Line 374 buses will be stationed at Richmond's ferry landing to meet the 5:05, 6:00, 6:45 and 7:40 p.m. ferry arrivals from San Francisco.

Line 374 buses also will connect with the ferry trips departing from Richmond for San Francisco at 5:10, 6:05, 6:50 and 7:45 p.m. weekdays.

Schedule information for Line 374 and AC Transit's entire East Bay service network is available 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays from the bus system's Telephone Information Center. Dial (from any regional area code) 817-1717, then speed-dial 1,1,1,1. Bus schedules also are available online at www.actransit.org.

A quick drop-in at the Plaza

CALSTAR air ambulance helicopter made an exciting appearance at the 16th annual Tri-Safety Day at the Plaza. The event quickly attracted a large crowd. But the time to view the helicopter and its equipment was only a few minutes as the helicopter received a pager alert to them to an emergency. The helicopter was still plenty to see, however, with personnel and equipment from numerous area fire agencies on hand in the center's parking lot.



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than expected. According to Skinner, the district had to go through the process for state funds twice because of state-wide approval of Proposition 1A.

When Proposition 1A passed, it was a new set of rules," she said. "So we had to go through the process a second time, though we'd been through some of the steps and received some of the approvals necessary. That's what held us up."

Proposition 1A, the "Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 1998," added over \$9 billion in funding to the state's bond program.

Its aim is to re-

duce class size, relieve overcrowding and repair older schools, among several other provisions.

Still there are some students who are disappointed they will never attend the new school.

"I think it's kind of messed up for the seniors and juniors," said 18-year-old senior Kaho Liu. "Still, I'm a happy person because my sister is in the middle school and she'll be able to attend the new high school."

"The whole thing kinda sucks because we've been in the portables since we started in high school," said Eunji Kim, a 16-year-old junior. "Since I'm on the volleyball team, it's been really hard because we had to commute all the way to Alameda to play," she lamented. Then her expression changed.

"But now we're practicing at the new middle school," Kim said. "It's

close by. That gives me a lot more time for homework and study."

Jennifer Nejad, ASG vice president, is a junior. "I am so happy to see that all these people came today," she said with the enthusiasm of a cheer leader. "We have so much support now — staff support, teacher support, support from the administration and the community. Everyone is so excited, I mean it really means a lot to us."

Twenty-nine year teaching veteran Rich Lohman, usually a soft-spoken man, seemed to share Nejad's ardor.

"This is an important time because we've been waiting a long time," he said. "I may not be here when it's ready to be used, but it's an exciting time."

"There's a new, positive energy among the staff and the administration — I would call it a youthful administrative team. They have a lot of energy and they're working hard and getting things done that the students and the staff want to get done. Things are working better now. It feels more organized," Lohman said with a subtle smile.

Meanwhile, Cougar mascot Amy Jin jumped for joy as AHS Principal Gloria Galindo tossed aside a shovel full of dirt.

"Now that we've broke ground, I think a whole lot of community members are just euphoric," Galindo said. "It's an exciting time to be at Albany High School."

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Albany Bowl, a high-tech throwback, turns 50

Where do old bowling pins go when they're too ticked and dinged to be used for their original purpose anymore?

"The answer has changed over the years," says John Tierney, co-owner of the Albany Bowl. "Twenty years ago, they were made of wood, so we'd give them away for firewood. But today they're covered with a plastic called Surlin, which is highly toxic when burned. So now we donate them to the Albany and El Cerrito police departments for target practice."

The Albany Bowl is the last of its kind — a real, honest-to-goodness old-time bowling alley. The lanes at the UC-Berkeley Student Union closed a couple of years ago. And the Berkeley Bowl has long since become a food emporium. Today, if you want to find another place to bowl a few frames, you'll have to go all the way to Pinole or Alameda.

"The only reason we're still able to be here is that we own the dirt," says Tierney. "There's no landlord to evict us for a higher-paying tenant."

The Albany Bowl is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary. It was founded in 1949 by the late Frank Lacy. In 1985, it was sold to Tierney and his partners, Ken Friedman and Max Blumenfeld.

Tierney himself has been in the bowling business almost as long as the Albany Bowl. His parents owned a bowling alley on Long Island when he was growing up. And one of his fondest childhood memories is of watching the legendary trick shot artist, Andy Veripappa.

"He was unbelievable," marvels

Tierney. "He could make the ball curve back and forth between the gutters like a snake, slower than you ever saw a bowling ball move, hit the head pin, and then come back to him."

And that was in the old days, when it was a lot harder to control a bowling ball than it is today. The Albany Bowl may look like an old-time '50s bowling alley. You still have to rent those special, two-tone bowling shoes; and the clerk still gives them a spritz of deodorant before he hands them to you. But a lot of high-tech measures that you can't see have been installed to, as Tierney puts it, "enhance scoring."

"People don't practice three times a week anymore," he says sadly. "Nowadays, they demand instant success."

And he does his best to make sure they get it. The pins are specially balanced to fall as easily as possible. "If they tip more than 10 degrees," says Tierney, "they're going down."

And the pins aren't the only things that have changed; so have the balls and the lanes themselves. The cardinal rule of bowling is that the last thing you want to do (short of rolling a gutter ball) is roll the ball straight down the middle of the lane. That may knock down the center pins, but it leaves them standing on either end — the dreaded split.

Instead, experienced bowlers try to throw a curve, what the pros call a "hook." The ball starts near the center, makes an arc almost to the gutter, then curves back inward so that it hits the pins at an angle, tossing them every which way.

"The greater the friction be-

tween the ball and the lane, the greater the hook," says Tierney. And he has some subtle ways of increasing that friction. For one thing, the old hard-surface rubber balls have given way to high-tech composite resins with much softer surfaces.

"We call 'em 'Hook-in-a-Box,'" says Tierney. "You can buy a \$200 ball, have no talent at all, and still hook it."

For another, the lanes are no longer solid maple. They're still made of maple for the first 15 feet or so, because they need the hardness of maple to withstand the initial shock of the ball hitting the floor. But the rest of the way is

paved with soft pine, again to increase the hook.

But the real secret is the thin layer of oil that covers each lane. The Albany Bowl has a special machine that lays out the oil. It's run by a computer program that has it lay out the oil in a precise pattern — more in the center, less toward the edges — that further increases the hook.

And if all else fails, each lane has special "bumpers" that can be pulled out at the flick of a switch to block the gutters and make it literally impossible to roll a gutter ball.

"Some of our customers are as young as 2 and as old as 90," ex-

plains Tierney. "We want them all to have a good time. If you're able to push the ball down the lane, you can score."

As I said, the Albany Bowl is a piece of living history, a throwback to the 1950s. But a few concessions have been made to changing times. For one thing, smoking has been banned everywhere, including the bar (called, naturally, The Spare Room).

For another, DON'T call it a bowling alley. Tierney visibly flinches when you do that, because "bowling alley" calls up memories of the days when bowling was considered a, well, lower-class sport.

Snapp

By Martin

(Ironically, it stands for the aristocratic sport of the aristocrats because only the rich had money to build lanes. When England was invaded by the Spanish Armada, Sir was enjoying a game when he got word that was at the gates. He was the game, saying time to finish the game the Spaniards, too.)

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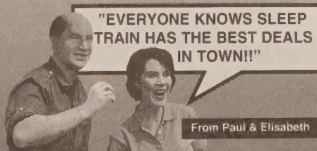
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Author Roszak has intriguing views of past, future and present

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

You have things to say, so you say them. If people read them you move them. Theodore Roszak told me, and he said, "It is my most natural way." And I asked him when he had started writing. He said he started writing his professional writing in the 1960s, but had always written.

And people have read what he has written. Roszak is a prolific writer, and his fiction and nonfiction books and articles, he has opened up a new way of thinking. "I have written my books for the general public," he says. "They are never scholarly. I wanted to be general public." He ponders then adds, "Most people who write things to write. I was a writer when I began to write."

Rozzak, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Albany Library, on Oct. 13, plans to discuss his two latest books at that meeting. And from discussion of the books, I know that he is a fascinating talk. The two books are "America The Wise" and "The Gendered Atom."

"The Gendered Atom" draws on some of Roszak's great interests: "The Gendered Atom" is one of his most popular books was a look at the Frankenstein story, but from the point of view of Elizabeth, the woman in the story. (The novel, "The Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley, was optioned by the movies and is now a feature film. Roszak says he is working with the director

on the planning of the film.)

Just before he finished the novel he and his wife went to Geneva to journey back into history, and try to follow in the steps of Mary Shelley. It was thrilling, he says, and out of that came a lot of stories and feeling and notes. In "The Gendered Atom" he calls upon many of the notes and insights from "Frankenstein," and relates them to the world of science.

"With daring originality, he explores the uncharted depths of the scientific soul, and finds a maelstrom of repressed sexual prejudices and gender stereotypes," a reviewer says, and "From its beginnings in the age of Galileo and Newton, modern science has identified 'Mother Nature' as female and has licensed male scientists to strip her of her secrets and subordinate her to their designs and priorities." And Jane Goodall's Foreword finishes: "Beyond analyzing where we have gone wrong, 'The Gendered Atom' looks forward to a gender-free science that respects our community with nature and promises a healthier, more fulfilling form of knowledge."

"America The Wise," too, takes a close look at the "aging of America" with a quite different eye. Says Roszak, this is rich. "Think of all those extra years of life as a resource — a cultural and spiritual resource re-

claimed from death in the same way the Dutch reclaim fertile land from the waste of the sea. It will be a very different society in the 21st Century," Roszak told me, "and I see it as a good thing, something to look forward to, and nothing to worry about. There has never been a society in the world with more older and younger people, and people shouldn't worry about it, but should look forward to it."

Theodore Roszak has lived in California since high school, with some time off to live in New York and in London, when he won a Guggenheim fellowship. In addition to the fellowship, he has twice been nominated for the National Book Award and twice earned Goldman Environmental Foundation Grants.

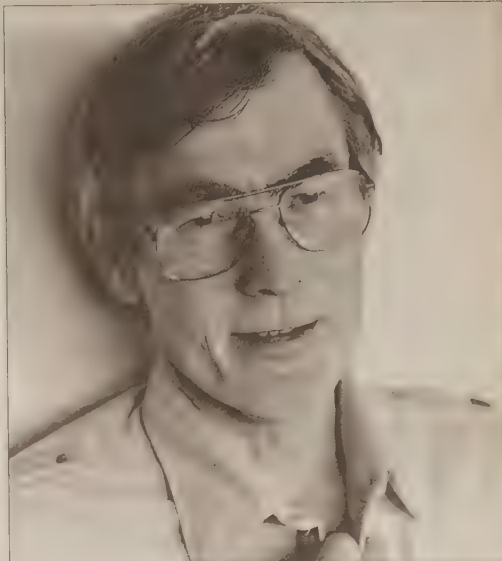
He has taught at Stanford and San Francisco State University, as well as at the University of British Columbia. But most of his teaching career was at California State University in Hayward, where he still does some part-time teaching.

I was fascinated by the fact that he has taught many classes on Frankenstein. It should not surprise me, he says, noting that there has been a lot of scholarship on the Frankenstein story, and continued interest has resulted in several versions of the story in movies and on television. Our fascination with it has lasted over 100 years, he notes, and it says something about science that is very perceptive and provides a look into modern science.

Three of Roszak's books have

ROSZAK IN ALBANY

Theodore Roszak, nationally known historian and professor at Cal State Hayward, will discuss his most recent books, "The Gendered Atom: Reflections on the Sexual Psychology of Science," and "America The Wise: The Longevity Revolution and the True Wealth of Nations," at the annual general membership meeting and 30th anniversary celebration of the Friends of the Albany Library at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1247 Marin Ave. (at Masonic), Avenue Books, 2904 College Ave., Berkeley, will bring several of Professor Roszak's books to the meeting for signing. Refreshments will be provided. The public is invited to attend. Details: 526-3720.



THEODORE ROSZAK speaks at the Albany Library on Oct. 13.

been optioned for films, and many of them have been bestsellers. "The Making of a Counterculture," "Where the Wasteland Ends," and "The Voice of the Earth" are among his most popular writings.

Rozzak and his wife, Betty, live in Berkeley.

The meeting of the Friends of the Albany Library on Oct. 13 will start at 7 p.m., with a short business meeting. The program will begin at 7:30. Avenue Books of Berkeley will bring

copies of Roszak's books for sale and signing. Following Roszak's talk there will be refreshments and celebration of the Friends of 30th anniversary. A dedication of paintings purchased from artist Albany artist Carole Fitzgerald by the Friends and two dedicated members, and presented to the library, will follow. The paintings are dedicated to longtime leaders of the Friends, and prominent Albany citizens, Mary and Bill Hartung. The meeting and celebration will be

held in the library's Edith Stone Room. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Thank you, Madeleine LaRue, for obtaining Roszak as a speaker and for suggesting him as a subject for this column. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with him. And I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

'Quality time' at discount prices

am going to Costco. Why don't you come with me," I said to my 17-year-old son trying to sound off-hand, "It doesn't matter to me whether or not you come. But it did. We never went to spend time together anything I might buy me a couple of dollars. You can pick out the kinds of things you want."

"I'll make a list," Sammy said. "Be sure you know what I like." "What about school supplies?" I remembered how we used to go to the supply room at his father's. "You need school supplies. A backpack, paper, pens, notebooks, liquid paper." "Old backpack is fine. I just need some notebook paper. You can get that."

"I'm getting desperate. I need you to help me unload when I get home," I was talking and my voice was getting higher and my back hurts. "I was really whining."

"I'll come when you're done," he said. "As soon as I get your page I'll come and unload."

"You come to Costco with me. I'll BUY YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT," I screamed shamelessly. "There was a time when I didn't resort to bribery to get Sammy

to spend time with me. But these days parenting was a drive-thru experience. I was always catching Sammy on the fly, trailing him out the door, asking where he was going, when he'd be back, if he had done his homework, telling him when we'd be eating dinner.

I felt like a blurred image in the rear view mirror of Sammy's life.

A trip to Costco together seemed like the perfect opportunity for some quality time. An hour in the store and another 40 minutes in the car. Before Sammy got his license, car time was quality time. No distractions, no interruptions, nothing to do but talk. With luck we'd hit a traffic jam.

Sammy finally agreed to come with me but with conditions: I shop quickly, not stop in the book aisle and, if I run into anyone I know, not stop and talk.

I happily signed on the dotted line. We had our first argument before we got to the freeway.

"Please turn that down," I said screaming over the non-music blaring from the radio. Sammy's hand brushed the volume making no appreciable dent in the decibels. I turned the radio way down. He turned it way up. I switched to the news station. He switched back to his station. I turned the radio off. He put his window all the way down.

"Would you put your window up, I'm freezing," I said.

"I'm hot," he stuck his head out to make his point.

I turned on the heat full blast. Sammy turned the radio back on. I turned it off.

"See? This is why I don't like to go anywhere with you," Sammy said. "I never get to do what I want."

I turned the radio back on and didn't even try to talk over the music.

When we got to Costco, we walked up and down the aisles. Sammy threw boxes of fruit "O's", fruit gushers, fruit roll-ups, fruit by the foot, Starbursts and Kit Kat bars into the shopping cart. I didn't say anything. He picked out two different kinds of frozen burritos, taquitos and breaded chicken nuggets. I remained silent.

When we got to the cleaning supplies, Sammy took a detour. A while later I spotted him climbing out of a stack of car tires. A clerk stood nearby watching. Next I saw Sammy sitting in a desk chair, scooting up the center aisle, propelling himself with his feet, darting around people and shopping carts.

"Sammy, Sammy, stop it," I yelled as he disappeared down a side aisle. I spent 10 minutes looking for him.

"Come on mom, let's go," he said finally popping up behind me. "You're

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By Ronnie Caplane

taking too long."

I hadn't finished shopping but I was ready to go.

In the checkout line, I saw another mother I knew. Her teenage son was with her.

"You must have promised to buy Sammy whatever he wanted," she said. "That's how I got Jason to come with me."

I did manage to buy a couple hours with Sammy. It's just that spending time together isn't good for our relationship.



EL CERRITO Garden Club President Barbara Post received an autographed picture from Bob Tanem, KSFO's "Happy Gardener," during his talk to club members at their Sept. 9 meeting at the El Cerrito Community Center.

Demolay officer installation is Sunday

On the evening of Oct. 3, the officers of El Cerrito-Albany Order of Demolay are holding their semi-annual installation of officers. At a re-meeting of the chapter, Brandon Osman was elected to the office of Master Councilor, or president, of the chapter. Jason Elmore was elected to the office of Senior Councilor, and Joel Tashinian was elected to the office of Junior Councilor.

The installation marks a change in leadership of the chapter, and is a celebration for the past and present members. The installation will be held at the El Cerrito Masonic Temple, at 1800 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito. The

ceremony begins at 6:30. A dance and reception will follow the installation.

Demolay is a leadership organization for young men of junior high and high school age, which teaches valuable skills through social, athletic, and civic service events. During the next term, Brandon Osman and the corps of officers will plan and hold many events with the help of an adult leadership team.

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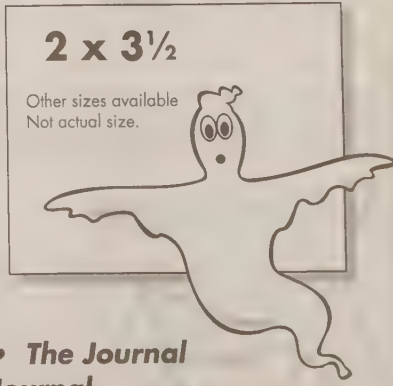
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taurants. Homes are within walking distance from each other and easily accessible from Rockridge B.A.R.T. Tickets are \$25 and sales begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 10th, in front of the Julia Morgan-designed College Avenue Presbyterian Church at 5951 College Avenue. You can visit the RCPC website for more tour information at www.rockridge.org (click on "A Tasteful Tour of Rockridge Kitchens") or call 547-3855.

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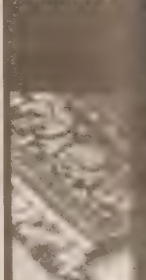
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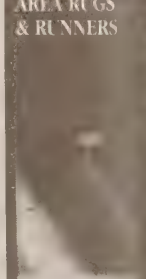
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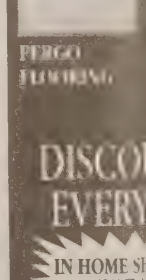
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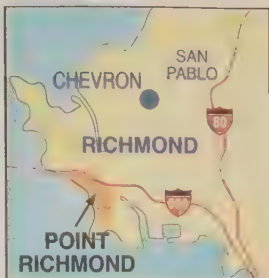
Home seekers discover the charms of Point Richmond

By Ted Cuzzillo
CONTRIBUTOR

If you enter Point Richmond over the railroad tracks, past the creaky wigwag warning and into the little town square, you come upon the Santa Fe Market, epicenter of a community that was into "new urbanism" when today's planners were in diapers.

The Point ceased to be a real island nearly a century ago, but it still feels like one—a fact that's often cited as a reason for the "take care of our town" activism and tight camaraderie among its citizens. "You don't flip someone off in traffic because it might be your neighbor," said Jan Feagley of Jan Feagley and What's His Face, one of the Point's two main real estate brokerages.

Point Richmond, with about 3,000 people, lies at the western edge of the city, a minute east on the freeway from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and next



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door to the Chevron Refinery and Burlington-Santa Fe railroad yard.

Its cute downtown is sheltered from the Bay by a steep, arched hill. On the hill are mostly single-family homes built from around the turn of the century to the '20s



POINT RICHMOND (left) boasts a storied history and a variety of architectural styles. Above, a Victorian home stands guard on a steep, arched hill.

and '30s. They range in style from ornate Victorians to charming Craftsman bungalows and period revival homes.

On the Bay side, houses are mostly post-war. Total houses, including some that have been broken up into apartments

and duplexes, number 300 to 400. Some of the homes that face the Bay are modernistic masterpieces by well-known architects, like Sea Ranch homes in the city.

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Buyers net homes with cash

Fully 10 percent in state complete sales this way, survey says

By Psyche Pascual
CONTRIBUTOR

More of California's prosperous households are depositing their cold hard cash into buying houses, a real estate association reported Wednesday.

One of every 10 buyers surveyed by the California Association of Realtors paid entirely with cash, a slight jump from a year ago when 8.8 percent of home buyers made such purchases.

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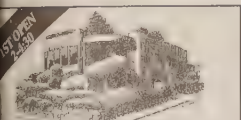
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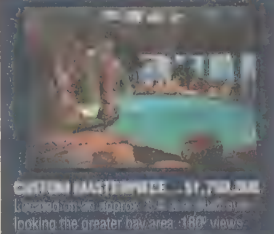
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Clients show much can happen in a week

This has been a good week, one full of interesting people we are glad to know. Every situation is different, and that is the fun of the job.

We met with several owners who want to sell. One, a woman acting as her own agent, has been advertising her house for sale for a couple of weeks now but has not yet received an acceptable offer. She told us that her house is attractive, well located and well priced.

Hundreds of people came to her first open house. Many seemed quite interested in buying, but only one came back with an offer, at a disappointing price.

"What is wrong?" the owner wanted to know. Would listing the house with an agent work "magic," produce multiple offers and overbids? Is there something about her house that she has not taken into account, something that is causing people to reject it?

We saw the house, considered the price, asked her questions about basic condition and reports she has. All seemed in order. We don't know why the house hasn't sold, why there have not been a number of bidders.

We suggested that she do two things: advertise and hold the house open again and, at the same time, talk with the interested buyer about raising his bid. If these things do not result in a satisfying sale, we said, we should talk again.

We spent half a day at another



By Tarpoff and Talbert

house while a general inspection was being done. We will be putting this house on the market before long, but first we are gathering all of the information we can about its condition.

The owner is an older woman who would like to sell the property as it is. We knew from the home's termite report that some dry rot repair is needed.

The general inspection showed the rest of the house to be in pretty good shape although an electrical upgrade would be an improvement and the chimney bricks require further inspection.

The owner and her husband bought this Montclair house 58 years ago. They have enjoyed their life there and hosted great parties in the two downstairs recreation rooms, the owner says.

Over the years, her husband built every sort of cabinet and cupboard

to hold their household goods. Their dressers and bed are built in. There are three additional beds hidden behind cupboard doors. What a surprise! We opened regular-looking cupboard doors and found fold-down bunks.

There are two large workshops containing tools of every sort. Sadly, the husband is confined to a hospital and will not be able to use them anymore, so the question is how to deal with them.

After some thought, we introduced the owner to a friend of ours. Now he is organizing their tools: power tools in one shop, hand tools, drill bits, chisels, hand saws and the like in another; pulleys, chains and ropes together.

The tools soon will be appraised; then either the entire collection will be sold as one, or perhaps, there will be a public sale to sell them individually. After that, we can get on with selling the house.

We visited the third woman this week in order to give her our opinion of the value of her mother's Berkeley house. We have talked to this woman at several of our Sunday open houses. She came to meet us and ask about the house she is preparing for sale.

It is a wonderful house, probably built around the turn of the century. There are oak floors, woodwork with carved curlicues, plate rails and one especially appealing bedroom at the

back of the house that has light coming in from three fully windowed walls.

We spent a couple of hours asking questions and taking notes, then went back to the office to research area prices. We wrote the owner with an estimate of what the house might sell for. We recommended that she order several inspections and choose which belongings she intends to keep for herself before disposing of the rest.

We think she should do very little additional work on the house but should have it professionally cleaned and staged before marketing.

Although she has been working on this house for several years, there is still much to do. We sympathize. We know from personal experience that letting go of a cherished home can be very difficult. Getting it ready for sale can seem overwhelming.

We would like to help this woman achieve her goals with as little stress as possible. We are happy to meet with her again to discuss timing.

We also can meet the inspectors and arrange for bids for some work that a buyer will probably want to do.

Other happenings this week included seeing clients as they moved unloaded their belongings at their new house. We were surprised to find them quite cheerful and calm. They posed for a photo on their new front porch.

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Historical groups plan events

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Berkeley history walking tours

Industrial West Berkeley, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to noon Led by Betty Mar-

Meet at the Aquatic Park Center at 800 Heinz Street (below North Street). Space is limited to people.

Large tracts of farmland along the western Berkeley waterfront between industrial developments in the part of this century. Today some of the factories have vanished, some have been replaced by studios. Betty Marvin, an architectural historian and former president of the BHS, will talk about the history and present of this mixed-use neighborhood.

Boundary Walk: Cerrito Creek, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to noon. Led by Paul Grunland.

Meet at Summit Reservoir, at the intersection of Spruce Street and Highway 92. Please note that due to steep pathways, this walk is not suitable for people with mobility problems. Space is limited to 30 people.

This walk traces the Berkeley-Kensington border, which was also the 1853 boundary between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Highlights will include glimpses of Cerrito Creek and the home of the late local historian Louis L. Stein. There will be a choice between hiking back uphill by an alternate route, or carpooling drivers back to their cars at Summit Reservoir. Paul Grunland has been active in planning and leading walks for BHS and the Berkeley Pathwanderers.

Tours cost \$5 each for BHS members and \$10 for the general public. Call 848-0181 for more information. Make checks payable to Berkeley Historical Society and send to Berkeley Historical Society, P.O. Box 1190, Berkeley, CA 94701-1190.

Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland

Every year the Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland hosts two holiday events at the Cohen-Bray House. The house is beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe. The Redwood room is transformed into a forest by dozens of trees hanging above the picture rails, as well as a

10-foot Christmas tree. Firelight and candlelight cast a warm glow.

Christmas Tea

Tour the house and enjoy a traditional tea on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000. Settings are hourly from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$20 general admission and \$15 for seniors, youth and VPCO members. Call Patty at 510-843-2906 for reservations.

Twelfth Night

Share the magic of the sixth annual Twelfth Night Party with 20 special guests on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. Champagne, a special catered dinner, and a table decorated with family china and crystal is followed with Christmas carols, conversation and port. Reservations are being taken now. \$100 per person (\$75 is deductible). Call Barbara at 510-524-5780 or Patty at 510-843-2906 for reservations.

Tours

Take a tour of the Cohen-Bray house every fourth Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. The cost of admission is \$5 for non-members, members are free. A reservation is required. Call 510-532-0704.

Fruit figures in spotlight at Red Oak gallery

From staff reports

Artist Mei-Yu Lo buys a lot of magazines, but most of the time she looks at the pictures.

"It's like anthropology," she says. "I can learn a lot about people's moods and ideas, by studying their images — particularly images that are deliberately designed to create styles and fashions, or to sell things by appealing to fads and popular attitudes."

She particularly likes Cote Sud, Anna Stewart's Living, and Architectural Digest. She's looking not only at the evolution of moods and combinations, but also at a particular imagery and settings that

move in and out of vogue.

In her recent paintings she has been combining a personal interest in classical frescoes and Mediterranean colors with a recent trend in advertising that displays desirable objects against old battered walls or dilapidation.

She still favors her "anthropomorphic fruit" figures, taken from a propensity to metaphor in classical Chinese painting. But now they're appearing on, or in the context of weather-beaten frescoed walls or similar surfaces.

During this exhibit, Lo is pleased to donate a portion of her artwork sale proceeds to Red Oak's non-profit

organization the "Red Oak Opportunity Foundation" (ROOF).

ROOF provides funding assistance to dozens of needy local charities which do not receive significant funding from other sources. Mei-Yu Lo's recent acrylic paintings can be seen at the Red Oak Gallery at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley from Oct. 25 through Jan. 14, 2000. There is a reception scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29 from 6-8 p.m. where you will be able to meet the artist.

To view or purchase these beautiful paintings visit the Red Oak Gallery, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, please call 510-527-3387.

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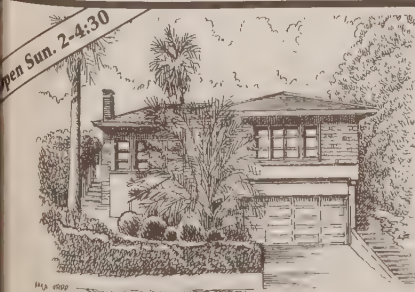
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Outbid on deal? Calm down, regroup

No one likes to lose a home to another buyer in a multiple offer competition. And it can be just as disappointing when a purchase transaction falls apart. Buying a home is a business transaction like none other. It's far more emotional than most people realize.

When you buy a home, you're not simply making an investment or buying a piece of real estate. A home purchase is the biggest investment most people will make. A home has to provide shelter and creature-comfort needs.

For some people, a home is a reflection of themselves — bringing ego gratification into play.

Schools are an issue for many buyers, so property location is critical. Some buyers move to shorten their commute and to improve their lifestyle.

Others move for security and safety, or to improve their status in life. In other words, buying a home is a business transaction that's loaded with a lot of emotional issues.

A lot of energy and emotional commitment is required to make an offer to buy a home. If you end up

Real Estate Forum



By Dian Hymer

"Don't let home-buying become an end in itself. Keep home-buying priorities foremost in your mind..."

in a bidding war with other buyers, and you lose, it's natural to feel disappointed.

If you're outbid, don't let disappointment and frustration lead you astray. Try to view the situation as a learning experience and continue on with your search.

Do so with a clear head about your mission. Use good judgment so that you don't buy the wrong house on the rebound.

One buyer was so devastated by losing out on her dream home that she went out and bought the next house that looked halfway decent.

The house did not offer the features that she had been looking for, and she grew to hate it.

The floor plan was awkward, the house was dark at all times of day and the home-maintenance projects were never-ending.

She tried to sell, but browsers who looked at her home were turned away by the same defects that she discovered only after she moved in.

Don't let home-buying become an end in itself. Keep your home-buying priorities foremost in your mind at all times.

You want to buy a home, but you don't want to buy just any home. It makes no sense to buy a home just for the sake of buying, or because all your friends are buying.

Any home you buy should satisfy your primary housing needs for the foreseeable future.

It helps to find an ethical agent who can guide you through the home-buying process. You want an agent who can provide a voice of reason when you're feeling like you're on an emotional roller coaster. An honest agent will talk you out of buying the wrong house.

Recently a couple lost out after multiple offers on a home in Piedmont. They were feeling low until another home came on the market for \$60,000 less than the one they had bid on.

The new listing was charming and the low price was appealing. The couple was on the verge of making an offer when their agent talked them out of it. The house, while enchanting, was too small for this family's long-term needs. It also lacked a usable yard which had been a high priority for them.

Not long after they passed on this listing, they found the right house and were the successful bidders in a multiple offer competition.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide," revised 1998, Chronicle Books. Order copies from Chronicle books: (800) 722-6657.

REAL ESTATE BOOK REVIEW

Book puts plumbing problems in perspective

By Robert J. Bruss

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Plumbing for Dummies, By Gene and Katie Hamilton (IDG Books Worldwide, Foster City), 1999, \$16.99, 229 pages.

Home-improvers Gene and Katie Hamilton have written another outstanding book "Plumbing for Dummies."

Fresh from writing their successful home-improvement "dummies" book, the Hamiltons now focus on

the mundane but important topic of plumbing in their new book.

The authors emphasize understanding how plumbing works so homeowners can make their own routine repairs.

However, the authors warn that some plumbing work, such as low water pressure, sewer line stoppage or frozen pipes, is best left to professional plumbers.

The superb illustrations are almost as good as the text. Even if you

don't want to tackle home plumbing problems, the simple explanations will increase any homeowner's confidence when dealing with plumbers. This knowledge of plumbing jargon can help homeowners avoid being victimized.

Occasionally, the Hamiltons get a little technical, but most of their explanations are simple. The icons, such as tips, technical stuff, remember, warning, great gadgets and call a pro, add to readers' comprehension.

An especially valuable feature are the step-by-step instructions for fixing common home plumbing problems. For example, in eight steps the authors explain how to fix leaks in ball-type, cartridge-type and ceramic disk-type faucets.

After reading some explanations, such as how to repair leaky tub or shower faucets, I now appreciate professional plumbers much more.

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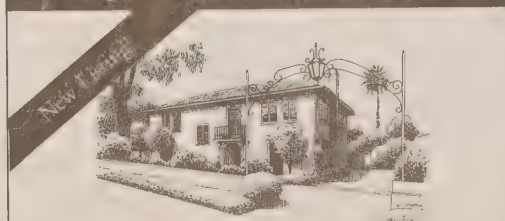
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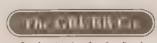
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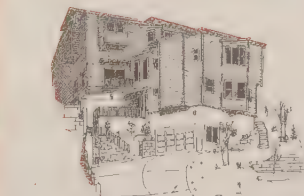
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Even worse than not ever paying off your mortgage is the possibility that your mortgage could have a higher for some to believe in the possible depreciation of their home's value in this rapidly appreciating environment where homes are in great demand and there is little supply, but it is part of a repeating cycle.

We caution borrowers who are alerted that the home they bought for \$300,000 last year and whose new appraised value is \$400,000 this year that they may be at the top of the market, especially those borrowers who are interested in the 100 percent second mortgages.

Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

Planning a mortgage-burning party? Watch out for high equity second mortgage debt.

The cycle of rapid appreciation followed by a decline in value was experienced in the late 1970s and early '80s, the late '80s and early '90s and could be repeating now.

We counsel these high equity borrowers to consider two things:

■ **Why are you borrowing the money?**

Using the equity in your home to pay off consumer debt may be a good idea but if you finance that new car with a 15 year second mortgage you may be paying for that car a lot longer than you own it. Or, all those student loans that you would like to get rid of may be carrying a much lower interest rate than a high equity second mortgage would afford.

Using the equity in your home to improve its value may be the single best reason for a high equity second. The only caution here would be to do your homework so that you do not over-improve it for your neighborhood.

Using the equity in your home for other investments may sound like a good plan but, again, we like to remind our borrowers that high equity second trust deeds tend to have a pretty healthy interest rate ranging between 9.5 percent to 13 percent depending on the borrowers credit.

■ **How long do you plan to live in the home?**

A high equity second may be a great idea if you plan to stay in the home and out last the cycle. Although many people bought at the top of the cycle and suffered some depreciation, those who stayed in the home eventually recovered as the cycle continued and found that seven or eight years down the road appreciation had taken over.

Most of the high equity second trust deeds have prepayment penalties lasting two to five years. The penalty is usually six months interest on the original loan amount which can hurt if you try to sell the home during the penalty period.

Ultimately, your decision to use the equity in your home comes down to this: Can you live with the payments?

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband, Scott. She can be reached by phone at 510-339-8511, fax 510-339-3814 and e-mail ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions for discussion.

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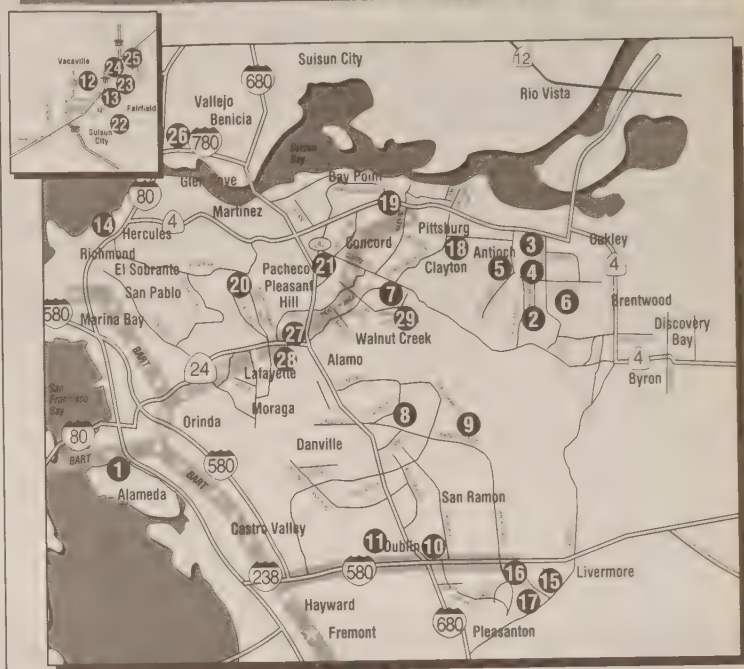


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By Robert J. Bruss
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Dear Bob: During a vacation to Napa Valley, I read your excellent real estate article "The More Homes You Own The Better" in the local newspaper. Because of the increasing home demand and rising market values, I would like to invest in houses in that area.

I like the idea of buying homes for small down payments, but what do you think about buying houses far away from my current home? My wife and I have excellent credit and income; however, we need to build our wealth for retirement in about 10 years. Would this be a good place to buy houses for investment? — Doug D.

Dear Doug: Thank you for the compliment. California's Napa Valley Wine Country, north of San Francisco near Santa Rosa, is an excellent real estate market. However, since you live far away, I cannot recommend that you buy property there if you do not plan to move to the vicinity immediately. Long-distance property management can be a nightmare.

Coincidentally, I have friends who own a "weekend house" in the quaint Napa Valley town of Calistoga. They stay there three or four days a month. Unfortunately, vandals recently broke into their "cottage," stole valuables and created a mess. Fortunately, the losses were covered by insurance, but the inconveniences

of settling the insurance claim, repairing the damage and replacing the lost items counterbalance the joys of owning a second home.

Instead of buying distant real estate, buy close to your home — within a 30-minute drive. Specifically, I recommend buying fixer-upper houses. Make "profitable improvements" to raise the market value. You can then hold for long-term investment or sell for quick profits.

Details are in my special report "How to Find Fun and Fortune With Fixer-Upper Houses" available for \$4 from Robert Bruss, 251 Park Rd., Burlingame, CA 94010 and by credit card at 800-736-1736.

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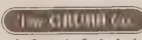
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Weak foundation cooks up slab of grief

Let's face it: you need your home's foundation more than it needs you. Repairing or replacing a bad foundation can cost you big bucks. If your foundation settles too much, your living space will follow. If your foundation fails, your hillside house could collapse or tumble away.

Slab foundations seem to be the most troublesome. An improperly constructed slab foundation can be one of the most difficult to repair. Slab foundations can also make repairing drainage, plumbing and electrical problems more difficult.

I am not maligning slab foundations. There also have been problems with spread-T type foundations and pier-and-grade-beam foundations. I will address some of the other foundation designs and installations in the future.

But slabs are unique. Drainage, electrical or plumbing cannot be accessed because they are beneath the

Firm Found One



By Don Pearman

"If the foundation is level and stable, the house likely also will be level and stable..."

slab; with a conventional perimeter foundation the drainage, electrical and plumbing systems are in the crawl space and are much more easily accessible.

Foundations provide a level place to bear the house's mass.

If the foundation is level and stable, the house likely also will be level and stable. Let the earth settle, move,

shift, expand, contract, freeze, flood or otherwise do what earth does, and the foundation must resist those forces — or the structure pays the price.

Damage most often appears as walls going out of plumb, doorways going out of square, cabinets separating from the walls, cracks and discoloration in vinyl floors, tears and rips in drywall, windows stuck, and excessive cracking in the exterior stucco.

Consider these points when installing a slab foundation:

- soil and drainage conditions;
- salts in the soil;
- concrete strength;
- design appropriate for soil conditions;
- concrete slab curing;
- concrete thickness;
- rebar size, location and spacing;
- sand under the slab;
- waterproofing under the sand;
- drain rock under the water-

proofing;

■ plumbing installations.

Builders frequently overlook one or more of these items when building foundations. Such an oversight, perhaps even intended as a cost-cutting move, can lead to serious problems down the road.

A slab foundation, when properly designed and built, can last many years. One with enough defects, however, can bring the house down.

A firm foundation is one you don't have to think about. A shoddy foundation, by contrast, can become an obsession.

Don Pearman is a northern California contractor and author of "The Termite Report: How to save your home from pests, rot and earthquakes." Address questions to 2001 Hoover Ave., Oakland, CA 94602, or E-mail dpearman@earthlink.net, Web site: donpearman.com.

Wells and Bennet's Rose Marie Bero Web site lands 'pure gold' award

The Real Estate Library, an online resources for real estate professionals, buyers, sellers and those seeking industry information, has named local realtor Rose Marie Bero a "Pure Gold" Web site author.

According to a press release sent by The Real Estate Library, Bero's site "integrates real estate and computer technology with her passion in art and photography. She is committed to putting today's technology to work for her buyers and sellers as well as for her associates."

Bero is a licensed real estate agent affiliated with Wells and Bennett Realtors in Oakland. She also is a member of the national, California, and Oakland associations of Realtors and the national and northern residential sales council. Bero is active on the Oakland Association of Realtors busi-



Bero

ness and technology committee and is a Mills College master of arts degree candidate.

The Real Estate Library has received more than two million user "hits." The company notes it is committed to providing clients with current, useful information that is delivered in a pleasing and professional environment.

Bero's Web site is at www.rosemariebero.com. The Real Estate Library is at www.relibrary.com.

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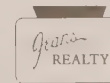
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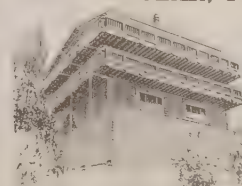
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Cash

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"You have people that can cash out a lot of their portfolio and still have a lot of money left over."

Leslie Appleton-Young, chief economist for the real estate association.

There newly minted wealth from startup firms and from the booming stock market have created a strong appetite for housing.

In 1994, "we didn't have a whole lot of people plunking down cash," said Leslie Appleton-Young, chief economist for the real estate association. Today, however, "you have people that can cash out a lot of their portfolio and still have a lot of money left over."

The hot housing market has also warmed the turnaround time for selling a house, according to the survey. Today, it takes only four weeks for a typical house in California to sell, compared with eight weeks in 1997. That's the shortest time since 1989, the survey said.

Some data showed housing sales have also been affected by market fluctuations. In June, slightly fewer houses, or about 6.6 percent, used traditional from Wall Street and stock markets than in January, when 10.2 percent of buyers used their stocks as a house purchase, the survey said.

Real estate industry observers attributed the jump in all-cash deals to the large number of buyers using the large appreciation in their houses to finance down, or buy smaller houses with cash.

Parts of the East Bay — generally considered one of the most affordable areas of the Bay Area — have become home for relocating sellers. One buyer sold a house he owned in Palo Alto for 30 years for \$680,000, said Ken Koenen, online service manager for zipRealty.com, a Web-based real estate brokerage in Berkeley. He just bought something newer and smaller in Pleasanton and paid \$500,000 in cash.

Glenn Mendell, a 15-year veteran of the real estate industry and owner of Fox Real Estate in San Ramon, said all-cash offers are being used more and more to sweeten a deal when there is competition.

"Because there are more multiple offers today than there were two years ago, that becomes a strategy," Mendell said. "In San Francisco, for example, just to get the deal accepted, you have to go above the asking price, and then you have to go all-cash."

Psyche Pascual covers commercial and residential real estate and manufacturing. Reach her at 925-952-2670 or ppascual@octimes.com.

Plumbing

FROM PAGE B4

Chapter topics include Becoming Your Own Plumber; Opening Clogged Drains with Friendly Persuasion; Repairing Leaks Like a Pro; Tackling Plumbing Projects; 10 Fascinating Facts About a Septic System; 10 Easy Ways to Save Water; and 10 Plumbing-Minded Web Sites.

This easy-to-understand new

book is a great reference for emergencies, as well as a guidebook when deciding whether or not to tackle plumbing projects. Just learning how plumbing parts work makes reading the book invaluable. On my scale of one to 10, this well-written and well-illustrated book rates a solid 10.

Robert J. Bruss is a real estate attorney and syndicated columnist based in Burlingame. You may write to him at 251 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010.

Review

FROM PAGE B2

The next day we went to their old house, which they will be selling this fall, to meet the carpet cleaning people who never showed; their truck had broken down. The owner was there, still packing, so we stayed to chat and help pack a few boxes.

Another day we met the Atlas Heating serviceman at Anet's house in hopes of finding out why her newer furnace doesn't seem to be working. We had never met Sean O'Callaghan before, but we are certainly glad to know him now. He meticulously looked at every part of the furnace, then asked if any roofing work had been done at the house recently. In fact, a new roof had just been put on.

It turned out that nails and pieces of roofing material had fallen down the furnace vent and were stuck in the furnace motor. Who would have

thought of this? Sean did. He removed the foreign materials and now the furnace works fine.

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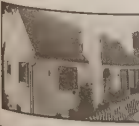
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Architectural legacy, property rights clash in Palo Alto

Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part series.

My impression of Palo Alto has always been colored by the fact that it is the home of Stanford University, "the enemy camp." Having graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in the 1970s, I have watched nearly every Big Game on television over the past 20-odd years. As most Cal alumni can attest, we have tasted the sting of defeat in these football games too often to regard our rival university town with dispassion.

But Palo Alto is undergoing a battle royale of a different sort, and this one also is worth watching. This charming old academic community is debating the merits of a newly enacted historic preservation ordinance that many residents say is desperately needed, yet others claim is an infringement of their basic property rights.

This debate touches to the heart of the question of whether a community can, or should try to control the fate of its historic legacy for the benefit of future generations.

Stanford's big idea

Palo Alto began as the brainchild of Leland Stanford, who in 1889 decided that a town should be built just east of the campus of his new uni-

Owning a Piece of History



By Mark Wilson

Can or should a community try to control the fate of its historic legacy?

versity. There had been a small community to the south named Mayfield that developed during the 1850s and '60s, and it eventually was incorporated into Palo Alto.

Palo Alto got its name, which means tall tree in Spanish, from a 1,000-year-old twin-trunked redwood tree that had been named over a century earlier by the Portola Expedition. The first trunk fell in a storm about the time the campus was started, but the second trunk remains today.

While Palo Alto's most historic tree has survived, many of its most historic buildings have met a sadder fate. The commercial district along University Avenue and Ramona Street was once lined with false front, Vic-

torian era buildings. These were replaced in the 1920s by masonry and stucco commercial buildings, many in various Period Revival styles. Many of these 1920s commercial buildings remain, but quite a few have been torn down in recent years.

The residential areas of Central Palo Alto, particularly the aptly-named Professorville Historic District, contain an outstanding collection of architectural styles from the half-century between 1890 and 1940. Homes in various Late Victorian and Edwardian Era styles abound along these elegant streets.

Here there are many excellent examples of residential designs by such renowned Bay Area architects as Bernard Maybeck, John Hudson Thomas and William Wurster.

History will to 'progress'

But in the 1970s, economic pressures created by the growth of the high tech industry in nearby Silicon Valley led to the steady demolition of numerous historic structures in these areas.

First several older commercial buildings in the Ramona Street Historic District were destroyed. Then older homes in the Professorville District were demolished and replaced with larger, modern residences.

In 1978 the Palo Alto City Council, in response to these losses, au-

thorized an historic survey of the town. The survey was conducted by prominent architectural historians Paula Begosian and the late John Beach. This survey identified 500 buildings in Palo Alto that were judged "historically significant." About half of the buildings on this list were then made subject to review by a Historic Review Board for any alterations the owners requested.

According to Virginia Warheit, Senior City Planner for Palo Alto, demolition of the buildings on the historic Resources Survey list could only be delayed by the Historic Resources Board for up to a year, but not prevented.

"Except for about 30 landmark buildings in the downtown area, there was no protection for any of these historic structures from demolition," said Warheit.

For the next 18 years, the Historic Resources Board did nothing, according to Warheit, "except to say that the survey needed updating, while many of the historic buildings were being demolished."

Gail Woolley, who served on the Palo Alto City Council from 1983 to 1991 and was mayor in 1987, says that after she left the City Council, "the Historic Resources Board was not even staffed, there was no updating of the original list going on, and the city did not do anything

about all the demolition's until the problem got really bad."

This crisis peaked in the summer of 1996. About that time, two of Palo Alto's most beloved historic landmarks were destroyed. One was a superb, early 1900s First Bay Tradition residence, attributed to Julia Morgan; the other was known locally as "Big Blue," or the Ducker House, a lavish Queen Anne style mansion built in 1899 at 1021 College Ave.

These losses outraged local preservationists, Warheit says, "because they realized that the city's historic buildings were just sitting ducks."

So one night in the summer of 1996, citizens marched on City Council to demand that the city stop demolishing historic buildings. After much debate, the Council ordered a new historic survey for fall, 1997.

Michael Corbett, a respected local architect, completed the survey only recently. Corbett identified 6,600 buildings older than 50 in Palo Alto. Of these, 1,500 were judged to be eligible for the California State Register of Historic Resources, and 270 were suitable for the National Register of Historic Places.

By the end of 1999, 250 historic buildings will be added to the original list of 500 from 1978.

All the residents' work paid off. In June, 1999, the Palo Alto City Coun-

cil passed a Historic Preservation Ordinance. This ordinance is intended to prevent the demolition of historic landmarks. According to Warheit, the sources Board can permit additions to designated structures "provided that they are deemed to be sympathetic to the historic character of the building."

Furthermore, there are restrictions of any kind on choices used by the designated historic structures, preservation ordinance in other cities.

In next week's column, we will discuss the opposition to the preservation ordinance among property owners in Palo Alto. We shall also explore the effect such an ordinance would have on property values in the pricey real estate market.

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When most people say Point Richmond they mean the neighborhood surrounded by the bridge, refinery, railroad yard, and Bay — including the relatively new homes in Brickyard Cove, a neighborhood built atop the hill near the Miller Knox Regional High School.

Point Richmond is roughly divided between the post-war Bay side and the historic, turn of the century-era town side — the residents of each referred to as “view” and “view-nots.” Town-side houses, either fixer-up or polished oldies scattered on the hill around Santa Fe Market, go for between \$250,000 and \$350,000, according to longtime Point broker Janice Cook of Realty World Janice Cook.

The inventory of houses is low. But when houses do go on sale, they go for just the asking price, said Janice Cook. Unlike many other parts of the Bay Area, Point Richmond buyers don't bid them up.

The town side is preserved as an historic district, with many commercial buildings and homes dating to the early 20th century. Proposed changes are reviewed by the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, which passes its recommendation to the city's Design Review Board.

Just over the hill, the look changes abruptly to resemble nicer parts of Marin County. Post-war architecture and tasteful landscaping frame Bay view windows with telephoto lenses that peer deep into a fog-free, panoramic view of the Richmond Riviera.

These sparkling views across the Bay to three bridges, Angel Island and the high-rises of San Francisco and Oakland run from \$300,000 to \$600,000, said Cook.

Though the Point is part of the city of Richmond, crime levels and schools stand in stark contrast to some of the city's troubled neighborhoods. Point Richmond is separated only by a few railroad tracks

and some light industrial areas from the Iron Triangle and other neighborhoods that are plagued by poverty and drug crime.

What constitutes a crime wave in the Point, however, was 14 car burglaries one night this May — which stopped abruptly when police closed a nearby camp of transients. The normal is two per month and almost no home burglaries.

Serious crimes happen rarely. In fact, the only shooting in the last 10 years is known to many as simply “the shooting.” At about 11:15 a.m. on Jan. 5, 1989, a would-be hold-up man killed Santa Fe Market owner Bob Young and employee Brent Moriaki with one bullet each to the head. The Point community reacted the way it's known to.

“Everybody in town came to the memorial service,” said longtime resident Jerry Cerkanowicz, secretary of the Point Richmond History Association. “You couldn't even get into the store for all the flowers.”

The incident seemed to mark a turn away from the old Point, from a rundown motorcycle gang hang-

out to a more genteel town, Cerkanowicz said.

New owner Bob Peckham wasted no time transforming the business, he said, placing windows in front and stocking high-quality food at prices comparable to Andronico's or Mollie Stone's. Stuffed into the tiny store is Straus organic milk, Acme and Semifreddi's bread, Rocky poultry, Saag's sausage.

Newly arrived veterans of Berkeley or San Francisco marvel at the little downtown. One block from Santa Fe, the post office often has no line. There's also a decent bakery, several good restaurants, therapeutic massage, videos for rent, a library branch and excellent Scotch at two comfortable bars.

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RESOURCES

- Point Richmond Online: www.pointrichmond.com/
- Point Richmond History Association: 510-235-1336. www.alkos.com/prha/
- Brief history of Point Richmond: www.alkos.com/prha/history.html
- Richmond Plunge: www.pointrichmond.com/plunge/
- Point Richmond Neighborhood Council: www.pointrichmond.com/prnc/
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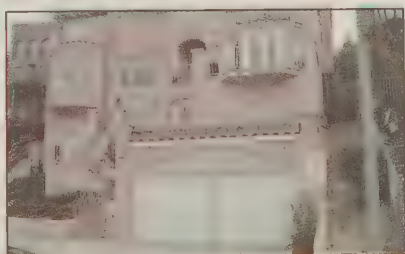
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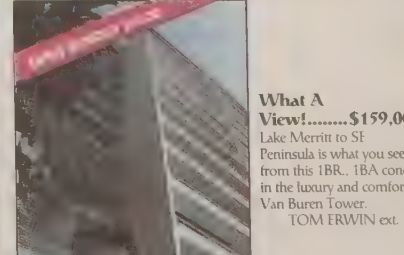
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1621 By St - \$335,000
2625 Calhoun St - \$295,000

3514 De Passier Wy - \$297,000
238 Diapian By - \$320,000
313 Fair Haven Rd - \$345,000
2 Fletcher Ct - \$365,000
1708 High St - \$315,000
3118 La Cresta - \$240,000
336 Maitland Dr - \$301,000
3541 McSherry Wy - \$287,000

1042 Melrose Av - \$271,000
130 Norwich Rd - \$355,000
838 Oak St - \$239,000
192 Orr Rd - \$378,000
2025 Otis Dr #68 - \$227,500
2205 Pacific Av - \$268,000
19 Redondo Ct #140 - \$330,000
1260 Rosewood Wy - \$309,000

1001 San Antonio Av - \$525,000
2217 San Antonio Av - \$395,000
2913 San Jose Av - \$225,000
3014 San Jose Av - \$320,000
1111 Union St - \$560,000
2988 Via Bahia - \$255,000

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Richmond

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you to the Larkspur Ferry terminal, downtown San Rafael, Fourth Street in Berkeley or the El Cerrito Del Norte Bart station. And later this month, ferry service will take commuters to San Francisco's Ferry Building.

It's back in the Santa Fe Market's front window that most Pointers first see what's going on in town — whether it's a local artist's exhibit or a campaign to persuade the railroad company to shorten delays at the crossing or fund-raisers for the Richmond Plunge, the earthquake-damaged city-run indoor swimming pool two blocks away, or the recent passing of a local acquaintance.

In one memorable display of civic power about 20 years ago, Point residents blocked approval of a proposal that would have sent 50 trucks a day through town laden with liquid nitrogen. City council members who voted for it were not reelected. Later, one of them said to resident Peter Fostiak, "You got to watch what you do with Point Richmond," drawing a finger across his neck like a knife.

Said Fostiak, "Things matter to people out here and they have a memory." One threat has so far resisted pressure and still broods over the community night and day just across the freeway: the Chevron refinery.

The Point is well within two potentially lethal areas activists call the "kill zone" and the "blast zone." Though prevailing winds keep the point upwind 70 to 80 percent of the time except in the winter, a blast can still crack foundations, said Denny Larson, Northern California director of Communities for a Better Environment.

For its part, Chevron says it is committed to safe work and environmental practices. The refinery is one of the largest on the West Coast, and employs more than 1,500 workers and more than 100 contractors.

Not harmful to bodies but corrosive to the community used to be the failing grade school, about four blocks from Santa Fe Market.

Ten years ago, the neighborhood's Washington Elementary School had just a half-time principal, and test scores were in the single digits and lower teens. The school district was thinking about closing it.

Tom McGowan, a Point investment broker, Sallie DeWitt and others

launched the Many Hands program. Its main strategies include support of teachers, "adopt-a-class" by businesses that display the pink "proud sponsor" emblems in their windows, and support of gifted students in the "spirit of excellence" program.

McGowan promotes the program to anyone who will listen.

"The community is so supportive. Anything you ask for that makes sense, everybody says, 'Yeah that makes sense,' and then they think up more of their own to do," he said.

Take the Turkey Shoot. This annual event began when Hotel Mac workers took a break on Thanksgiving morning to head for The Spot, a bar one block away to raise a shot of Wild Turkey while saying "gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble."

The event gradually grew.

The police were the first to join in, escorting the workers the block to the bar. Then someone made up floats — What began as a break for busy Hotel Mac workers has blossomed into a little Rose Parade.



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 555 Pierce St #C217 - \$137,000
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 819 Ramona Av - \$298,000
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 1325 Addison St #2 - \$260,000
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 2111 California St #29 - \$189,000
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 1228 Haskell St - \$137,500
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 1227 Idaho St - \$150,000
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 1096 Miller Av - \$350,000
 1256 Monterey Av - \$661,000
 1834 Monterey Av - \$635,000
 1517 Prince St - \$241,000
 1835 San Ramon Av - \$611,000
 961 Santa Barbara Rd - \$507,000
 1184 Sterling Av - \$580,000
 1148 The Alameda - \$419,000
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 1321 104th Av - \$122,500
 389 105th Av - \$115,000
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 2224 19th Av - \$125,000
 836 31st St - \$160,000
 1307 33rd St - \$130,000
 2700 35th Av - \$189,000
 4210 35th Av - \$215,000
 698 43rd St - \$140,000
 666 4th St - \$242,000
 871 54th St - \$134,000
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 3460 Birdsall Av - \$300,000
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 6218 Crown Av - \$300,000
 3962 Forest Hill Av - \$180,000
 4031 Forest Hill Av - \$315,000
 801 Franklin St #1404 - \$171,000
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 6518 Gwin Rd - \$925,000
 5578 Harbor Dr - \$403,000
 5932 Hayes St - \$132,500
 3825 High St #6 - \$155,000
 1277 Holman Rd - \$385,000
 6455 Irwin Ct - \$265,000
 568 Jean St - \$489,000
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 3303 Laguna Wy - \$135,000
 4020 Laurel Av - \$335,000
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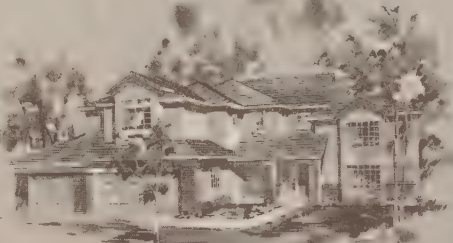
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1433 Morton St. #8	1bd/1ba	2-4	\$-
Kathy Brown, (510) 523-7704, Gallagher & Lindsey			
1314 Grand St.	2bd/2.5ba	2-4	\$-
John Parfen, (510) 521-8181 x1115, Gallagher & Lindsey			
1308 Santa Clara Ave.	2bd/4ba	2-4	\$-
Ann Broad, (510) 748-1807, Gallagher & Lindsey			
304 Coral Reef Rd.	4bd/2ba	2-4	\$-
Stan Lockhart, (510) 748-1805, Gallagher & Lindsey			

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
609 San Carlos	3bd/4ba	2-4	\$379,000
JUST LISTED Jean Aika, (510) 524-9888 x20, Berkeley Hills Realty			
736 Santa Fe Ave.	2 - bd/1ba	2-4	\$299,000
Diane Sindel-Deutsche, (510) 524-9888, Jean's Realty			
1181 Santa Fe	bd/4ba	2-4	\$257,000
Nancy Mueller, (510) 524-9888 x20, Berkeley Hills Realty			

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
80 Vicente Rd.	3 bd/2 1/2 ba/Sunday	2-5	\$1,155,000
Appt. 510-465-5313			
269 Hillcrest Rd.	4bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$895,000
CHARMING CLAREMONT CAPE CDD Karen Starr, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
1611 Thousand Oaks	4bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$625,000
NEAR SOLANO SHOPS Joanna Gould, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			

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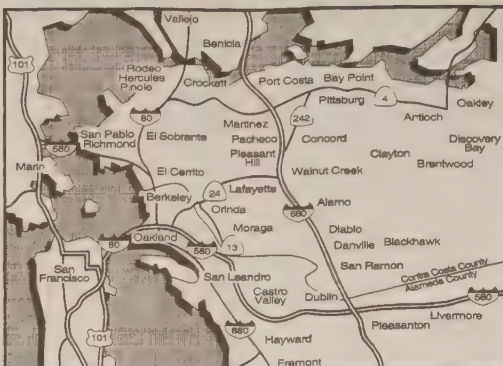
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817 San Diego Road	2 - bd/2ba	2-4	\$595,000
RED OAK (510) 527-3387 x109			
611 Vistamont Ave.	3 - bd/4ba	2-5	\$475,000
Terry Jue, Prudential, (510) 524-2626			
1111 Grizzly Peak Blvd.	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$375,000
NEW LISTING Barbara Conheim, (510) 524-9888 x28, Berkeley Hills Realty			
1461 Stannage Ave.	2bd/4ba	2-5	\$299,000
HEMAX East Bay Hills, (510) 339-4100			
1632 Cornell	2 - bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$292,000
BERKELEY, Sweet Cottage M.J. Mc, Better Homes, (510) 339-8400			
3115 Wheeler St.	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$225,000
Tom Anthony, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			
2526 California St.	2bd/4ba	2-5	\$220,000
Barbara Hoppa, Prudential, (510) 845-0211			

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
7001 Temipais	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$399,950
Carta Della Zoppa (510) 662-5558, Security Pacific RE			
923 Shevin	2bd/2ba	2-4	\$359,000
Dynega Blag, (510) 559-2908, Marvin Gardens Real Estate			
6723 Glen Mawr	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$335,000
Carl Stern (510) 234-7806, Security Pacific RE			
6650 Eureka	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$320,000
JUST LISTED Jane Allen, (510) 524-9888 x23, Berkeley Hills Realty			

OAKLAND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5618 La Salle Ave.	bd/4ba	2-5	\$2,750,000
La Salle Estates Carta Della Zoppa, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
6037 Contra Costa Rd.	4 - bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$1,295,000
UPPER ROCKHIDGE Don & Joe Kiewitland, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			
5510 Pinemiddle Dr.	4 - bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$1,175,000
MONTCLAIR Francis Heath, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			
6130 Mazzella Drive	5bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$938,000
HILLS Sandy Chiu, Prudential CA Realty (510) 339-9230			
6938 Buckingham Blvd.	3bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$825,000
OAKLAND HILLS Kathleen Callahan, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			
5545 Fernhoff Rd.	2bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$747,000
Hillcrest Estates Judy Rankankin, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
6350 Contra Costa Rd.	4bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$669,000
UPPER ROCKHIDGE Mary Ruth Armstrong, Prudential, (510) 339-9230			
6400 Longcroft	4 - bd/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$648,000
MONTCLAIR, Price Reduced Nora, Better Homes, (510) 339-8400			



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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
120 Calvert Ct.	3 + bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$629,000
JUST LISTED Sheila Gallagher, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
908 Rosemont	2bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$598,000
Angela Lawson, La Salle Properties, (510) 997-1075			
5818 Channing Cross	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$598,500
Ben-David, Prudential, 510-339-9230			
26 Ascot Ct.	4bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$588,000
MONTCLAIR, NEW LISTING Teri Carlisle, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			
5638 Buena Vista Ave.	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$575,000
UPPER ROCKHIDGE Donna DeBard, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			
6766 Pinhaven Rd.	3bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$535,000
MONTCLAIR Emily Lane, Prudential (510) 339-9230			
5739 Cabot Dr.	4bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$495,000
Jennie Lippincott 510-287-9591			
5320 Thomas Ave.	3 - bd/1.5ba	2-4:30	\$479,000
Mr. BART & Shops Nancy Lehnkind, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
5556 Chellon Dr.	4bd/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$479,000
MONTCLAIR Teri Carlisle, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			
4200 Coolidge	4bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$475,000
Jan Neff, La Salle Properties, (510) 339-8800			
21 Kingwood Rd.	3 - bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$469,000
DYNAMIC S.F. & Bridge View Sherry Berninger, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1648 Vista	2 - bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$349,000
ADORABLE CRAFTSMAN Marie DelaCruz, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
32 Kewick Court	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$319,500
MONTCLAIR Emily Lane, Prudential, 510-339-9230			
6416 Pinhaven Rd.	2 - bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$319,000
Helen Nicholas, La Salle Properties, (510) 339-8900			
4484 Mattie Court	2bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$315,000
REDWOOD HEIGHTS Nanette Watson, Prudential, (510) 339-9230			
2614 Carmo Lenada	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$299,000
Carol Cohen, La Salle Properties, (510) 339-8900			
882 Prospect	3 - bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$298,000
OPEN 2-4:30 SATURDAY Helen Chiu, Prudential, (510) 834-2010			
498 Jean St.	3bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$295,000
Richard Mahan, Prudential, (510) 834-2010			
520 52nd St.	6bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$290,000
TEMESCAL, A-1 Condition A.D. Meese, Better Homes, (510) 339-4000			
3517 Victor	bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$278,000
REDWOOD HEIGHT David Kerr, Better Homes, (510) 339-8400			
3511 Kingsland Ave	4bd/2ba	2-4	\$265,000
Network Associate Investor, Jacqueline Carlisle, (510) 589-4677			
5673 Florence Terr.	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$258,000
ROMANTIC COTTAGE Bobbie Balesford, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
215 Redrock	1bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$238,000
DIAMOND HEIGHTS CONDO Gary Robinson, Better Homes, (510) 339-8400			
1095 59th St.	bd/4ba	1-5	\$225,000
Cardice Economides, Prudential, (510) 845-0200			
2717 10th Ave.	2 - bd/4ba	2-6	\$219,500
STORYBOOK HOME Liam Friedman, Prudential, (510) 845-0211			
4269 Knoll	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$219,000
OAKLAND HILLS - Diane (510) 526-5273, RED OAK (510) 527-3387 x209			
2632 Monticello Ave.	3bd/4ba	2:30-4:30	\$205,000
Steven M., Prudential, (510) 834-2010			
2438 Kingsland Ave.	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$198,000
MAXWELL PARK Brian S., Prudential, (510) 339-9230			
987 Alleen	2bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$180,000
Shirley Covington, Prudential, (510) 834-2010			
1322 East 27th St.	2 - bd/4ba	2-5	\$179,000
JUST LISTED Adrienne Reale, Prudential, (510) 845-0211			
1555 Lakewood Dr. #40	1 - bd/4ba	2-5	\$172,500
John F. Ball, Prudential, (510) 834-2010			
3014 Suter St.	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$170,000
LAUREL Pam Corbett, Prudential, (510) 339-9230			

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813 57th St.	2bd/2ba		
North Herb Maron, Prudential, (510) 339-9230			
500 Vernon #310	2bd/2ba		
ROSE GARDEN Gene Boomer, Prudential, (510) 339-9230			
320 Lee St. #401	1bd/1ba		
Tom Erwin, La Salle Properties, (510) 339-8900			
2807 Eastman Ave.	2bd/2ba		
MAXWELL PARK - Diane (510) 526-5273, RED OAK (510) 527-3387 x209			
4400 Davenport Ave.	2bd/2ba		
REDWOOD HTS. New Listing Kane E. McCan, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			
3543 Hageman	bd/4ba		
6000 LOCATION Pearl Wong, Better Homes, (510) 339-8400			
2401 Park Blvd.	2 - bd/4ba		
Farice Edwards, Prudential, (510) 339-9230			

PIEDMONT

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
22 Tyson Circle	5 Bd/1.5 Ba.		
Jerrylyn Babin, (510) 547-1515, Oakland			
420 Wildwood	3bd/4ba		
Carmie Rogers, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
401 Wildwood Ave.	2bd/2ba		
Arden Pettit Tanney, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
76 Lakeview	4 - bd/2ba		
Malitta Beeson, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
82 Dudley Ave.	4bd/2ba		
Mindy Scott, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400			
11 Parkside	3 - bd/2ba		
Debi Fitzgerald, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			
1148 Oakland Ave	3bd/1 - ba		
MONTCLAIR Debi Fitzgerald, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460			

SAN LEANDRO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
14492 Cypress St.	3bd/1.5ba		
BONAIR Homes-Link, (510) 748-5300			

SAN RAMON

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2905 Millbridge Dr	4bd/4ba		
Elle Bowden & Associates, Elle Bowden & Associates			

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Esherick jewel gleams in Piedmont

A supremely elegant example of Joseph Esherick's renowned residential work has just come on the market.

The house, at 401 Wildwood Ave., Piedmont, was designed in 1964. Like many of Esherick's residential commissions, it has had only one owner all these years. The exterior is long and low, with an unassuming flat roof and stucco-walled forecourt that blend in with its redwood-studded, tree-shaded site.

This home exudes a private and secluded ambience, set as it is into a lushly landscaped, 13,440 square-foot lot.

The entrance is impressive, with its long gallery down the left side that opens onto a garden to the left and the living room, dining room, and library on the right. The ceilings on the main floor are 14 feet high, and there are lovely dark-stained oak floors throughout the main living quarters.

There are seven rooms in this house: six on the main floor and an office or rumpus room in the basement, as well as a wine cellar. The three common rooms on the entry level are gracious, with their open and flowing floor plan. This shows the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright's classic Prairie School homes on Esherick's domestic designs.

According to Anian Tunney of the Grubb Company, the listing agent, the owner was a friend of Joseph Esherick, and helped in the design of her home.

"She was particularly drawn to the clarity of Esherick's residences," Tunney says. "And she hopes the new owner will respect the purity of the homes' original lines."

The living room features a carved stone, French chateau-style fireplace and an ornate, Baroque-style mirror



over the mantel. The library is a very sophisticated space, which is lined with floor-to-ceiling bookcases of dark stained wood, and includes a custom designed ladder that can be rolled into the desired position. The fireplace in the library has a redwood mantel with the date of the homes' design carved into it.

The master bedroom suite has a full bath and dressing room with a large walk-in closet off the rear that has built-in drawers. This bedroom looks out onto the enchanting side garden, with its redwood trees and stone walls. The second bedroom

also has a dressing room, and an entrance onto its own dressing room and another full bath.

The back yard has a gazebo made of white-painted, wooden latticing. The side garden also has a pond and waterfall set into it, and some of the redwood trees here are lit up at night. And in a bit of old world elegance the house is surrounded with French, parterre style gardens composed of manicured, boxwood hedges.

This unique example of one of Joseph Esherick's best residential designs is being offered for \$1,495,000.

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Section C

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Smith's loss upends Panthers

St. Mary's running back tears it up in first half, but illness takes it's toll

By Scott Strain

Don't expect the same disheartening result that happened to St. Mary's High football last Friday night at Piedmont to occur again Saturday afternoon against Alameda.

For one, the Panthers will be playing on their home turf and in daylight. Lights apparently hurt their eyes.

For two, running back Eddie Smith will be back. To see what that means, roll the tape of the second half against the Highlanders: First half with Smith: St. Mary's 34, Piedmont 21. Second half without Smith: Piedmont 17, St. Mary's 0. Final for those who can't add: Piedmont 38, St. Mary's 34.

For three, the Panthers will be playing the stingerless Hornets, who have given up 74, 35 and 30 points in their 0-3 season. The offense has scored eight points. 'Nuff said.

So the 1:30 p.m. game at St. Mary's High shouldn't be much of a contest, but it will give coach Dan Shaughnessy's crew some things to work on.

The Panthers still have Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League heavies De Anza and El Cerrito coming up as well as pesky Richmond.

Shaughnessy's main job will be to get his team's psyche back together after the disheartening loss to the Highlanders.

Out of gas

Eddie Smith went 56 yards for a touchdown the first time he carried the ball against Piedmont.

Later, when a punt pinned the Panthers back on their own 10, Smith gained the whole 90 yards, the last 78 coming on a touchdown run.

For the half, Smith had carried 16



ST. MARY'S JOHN REID (7) fought off Piedmont's Ben Rubke (29) with Alex Kremen (75) in pursuit during a run in the first quarter Friday night at Piedmont.

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Gauchos win a barnburner

Onyike saves El Cerrito by scoring the decisive touchdown with 38 seconds left

By Joe Wolfcale

It just doesn't get any better than this for El Cerrito High.

Facing one of the toughest opponents from the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, El Cerrito senior fullback Okoro Onyike scored on a 1-yard run with 38 seconds left in regulation to give the Gauchos a thrilling 58-52 victory over football league rival De Anza on Friday evening.

To call the game a barn-burner would be an understatement. The teams combined for 1,192 yards in total offense.

"This was a great high school football game between two offensive powers," El Cerrito coach Frank Milo said. "Thank God we had the ball at the very end. We were trying to milk the clock at the end."

The Gauchos' winning drive started on the Dons' 48-yard line with 4:52 left. The big plays in the drive were a critical third-down reception by Jason Washington and a 28-yard, third-down pass from Joe McBride to Ricky Gatewood to put the Gauchos at the De Anza 5-yard line.

Three plays later, Onyike scored the winning touchdown.

Onyike redeemed himself for two earlier fumbles.

The Dons (2-1, 1-1) scored three touchdowns during a one-minute, 20-second span early in the fourth quarter to rally from a 44-26 deficit.

The game appeared to be El Cerrito's when Chijioke Onyenegecha bolted 85 yards on a kickoff return to score with 6:09 left in the third quarter. McBride ran in the conversion to give the Gauchos the comfortable lead.

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Frank Milo

But the resilient Dons battled back. Fullback Ronnie Wallace scored on a 3-yard run and Fred Harris added another 3-yard touchdown run to cut the lead the 44-38 with 11:14 left.

De Anza took the lead when Rodney Burton bolted 8 yards for a score with 9:58 left to give the Dons an improbable 46-44 lead.

Onyike scored on a 4-yard run 28 seconds later to give El Cerrito back the lead at 50-46.

A McBride to Washington conversion pass made the score 52-46.

The Dons answered right back as Antranik Avedikian bolted 51 yards on a fourth down with 7:47 left in the game to tie the score at 52-all.

De Anza was penalized on the conversion attempt, and the kick failed when holder Anthony Baisley couldn't handle the snap and kicker Hector Jimenez fell on the ball for the failed conversion.

El Cerrito senior running back David Rose had a big game, rushing for 263

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Gauchos storm past Pilots

El Cerrito wins a marathon match in volleyball opener

By Bill Kruissink

About the time the clouds were clearing following an overnight thunder and lightning storm in the Bay Area, a storm was building in the St. Joseph Notre Dame gym.

Down two games to none in their season-opening, best-of-five match against the visiting El Cerrito Gauchos, the St. Joe Pilots managed to pull off a pair of overtime wins to force a fifth and deciding game.

With a raucous gym roaring with each serve, each spike, the Pilots jumped out to a 8-0 lead — but could not hold on.

In a match that lasted more than three hours, the Gauchos (4-2, 1-1 in the ACCAL after a loss to Albany) surged into a lead, then held on to claim a riveting 15-8, 15-6, 15-17, 14-16, 15-12 victory in front of about 100 fans.

"It's that old momentum thing," said longtime Gaucho coach Roddy Lee. "You think you've got it, you relax a little bit and the other team gets a few breaks ..."

... and forces the match to go the distance.

"I think I spent my entire vocabulary in this match," laughed first-year Pilot coach Michael Cass. "This was our first match and I think they were a little nervous."

"There wasn't a turning point," Pilot

hitter Allison Wainwright said. "I think we just realized we had to relax."

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Albany's dynasty

Cougars expecting to win sixth consecutive league volleyball title

By Mike McGreehan

When it comes to domination in area high school volleyball, a strong case for a "dynasty" label can be made for the Albany High girls.

The Cougars entered this season having won league titles in each of their previous five seasons. Most astute observers expect them to make it six in a row this year.

So far, Albany seems well on its way. Though the Cougars have played only two Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, they've already beaten one of the league's formidable teams.

On Tuesday, Albany thrashed El Cerrito 15-0, 15-5, 15-4 and moved to 2-0 in ACCAL play. Most impressively, the Cougars improved to 18-4 overall. Some teams might match Albany's level and depth of talent, but many of them don't have the same kind of success. "Team effort" is a major factor for the Cougars.

"I have 12 girls on my varsity and everyone has to contribute," says Cougars coach Konrad Ott. "We need everyone to play well. We're not relying on one person."

Outside hitters Lindsey Marshall, Laura Jensen and Shannon Brazil all enjoyed an outstanding match against El Cerrito. Marshall, a senior, led the way with nine kills. She also served seven points.

Jensen, also a senior, had seven kills.

She also gave out nine assists.

Brazil, a junior served eight points and had six kills.

Marshall, Jensen and Brazil are all valuable offensive players for the Cougars. But even the best offensive players wouldn't be able to accomplish much without somebody to set up plays.

For Albany, that somebody is senior Theresa Esparrago.

"This is her second year setting and we wouldn't do very well without her," Ott says of Esparrago. "She's phenomenal and continues to do a good job."

Another starter is senior defensive specialist Abby McCullough, whose play in the back row has been a major asset to the team.

Additional offensive punch comes from junior Alison West and senior Stacey Phelps, the Cougars' middle hitters.

"Both were starters last year and are huge factors on how well we do," says Ott.

Defensive specialists Margaret Manson and Jennifer Nejad provide valuable help off the bench.

"They help the team with passing, playing defense and serving," Ott says of Manson and Nejad.

Junior Amy Jin backs up Esparrago at setter. Fellow junior Eunji Kim comes off the bench as an outside hitter.

Freshman Katie Jensen provides ver-

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Albany, Encinal football all tied up

Ball's 42-yard interception for a touchdown a key play for the Cougars in regulation

By Ethan Sprague

Each defense returned an interception for a touchdown as the Albany and Encinal high school football teams played to a 6-6 tie in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League action Friday afternoon in Albany.

It was the second consecutive year the teams tied.

"We're an offensive powerhouse," Encinal coach Jack Schram joked. "All kidding aside, we beat ourselves."

Not exactly. Neither team lost this game, though the nod will go to Albany (1-1-1, 0-1-1 ACCAL) if a tie-breaker is needed for postseason seedings because it scored in overtime. That's not likely because neither team figures to make a playoff run.

It wasn't as pretty game as last year when the teams tied 34-34 in a

shootout. This time around they combined for nine interceptions and just 261 yards in total offense. The quarterbacks completed more passes to the other team's defense than to their own receivers.

Encinal scored first when senior linebacker Alonzo Jackson stepped in front of a receiver running an out pattern and went the other way 36 yards for a touchdown with 8:23 left in the first half.

"I remembered the play the way they lined up. I saw the ball coming and just took it," Jackson said.

Albany returned the favor, tying the game early in the fourth quarter on a 42-yard interception return by Jonathon Ball.

Both teams threatened to score late in the closing minutes, but neither team's offense could find the end zone.

It was a particularly difficult day for Albany senior quarterback Timmy

Onweller, who threw five interceptions. Onweller made up for his offensive miscues on defense, intercepting a pass and tipping one to strong safety Warren Middletown for another pick.

"It was tough for him," Albany coach Anthony Freeman said. "We need to get (Onweller) some air that he can throw through. I think he was upset."

Albany's William Bennett scored on a 5-yard run in the overtime.

Both teams will be thinking upset this week as Albany is at Piedmont and Encinal hosts El Cerrito.

The Cougars will have their hands full trying to upset the Highlanders Piedmont (2-1, 2-0 ACCAL) just came off of a thrilling 38-34 win over St. Mary's (1-2, 1-1 ACCAL). Piedmont quarterback Drew Olson completed 17 of 22 passes for 194 yards for two touchdowns and one interception.



ST. MARY'S ANDRE KIDD (2) scored the Panthers' second touchdown in the first quarter against Piedmont Friday night.

Panthers

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times for 230 yards and St. Mary's had the aforementioned 34-21 lead.

But late in the first half Smith, who had battled the flu all week, wobbled to the sideline. He was out of gas.

"He had run and run and run," Shaughnessy said. "He was dehydrated and he turned green on the bench. There was no way he could play."

Play he did not and with the Highlanders switching from a four-man to a six-man line in the second half, St. Mary's got snacked around.

Panthers quarterback Michael Smith was blitzed unmercifully and running backs Tristian George and James Sanders were stuffed at the line of scrimmage. St. Mary's couldn't get

"(Eddie Smith) had run and run and run. He was dehydrated and he turned green on the bench. There was no way he could play."

— Dan Shaughnessy

anything going on offense.

But the Panthers still had a chance. Piedmont quarterback Drew Olson had lit up the St. Mary's secondary with a 13-for-18-for-179 yard effort in the first half, but he suffered a con-

cussion at the start of the

left the game. The Highlanders reserve back Jeff Bell took a quarter-

rust out of his system, but back to throw the winning

a 13-yard strike to Colin

with 1:21 left in the game.

Smith gamely put his on and was on the kick-

as the Piedmont partisans collective breaths. He returned

13 yards to the his own 25,

but an interception on the doomed any chance St. Ma-

"We just lost to a great Shaughnessy said after he could have done some

and (Eddie) Smith's loss de- us, but Piedmont came back the game from us."

Don't expect the same to open against Alameda.

Most of Albany's oppon-

reluctantly agree.

OT 'win' buoys Cougars hopes

By Scott Strain

In terms of comparison to last season, the Albany football team in its own mind has already done better than last year's 1-8-1 mark.

The Cougars defeated Encinal 12-6 in two overtimes last Friday afternoon at Memorial Field for their second victory of the 1999 campaign.

But now the feisty team faces a daunting task this Friday night at 8 when it takes on Piedmont at Witter Field.

The Highlanders are also coming off a victory — a euphoric 38-34 triumph over St. Mary's High. All the Cougars can hope for is a drop off in intensity for the Highlanders to have a chance in this one.

But whatever happens, it can't take away the "victory" over Encinal, which actually goes in the record books as a 6-6 tie. The tie-breaker is strictly for

North Coast Section playoff purposes.

"I view this as a win for our program," Albany coach Anthony Freeman said. "We had to play the tie-breaker and we won it. So, I'm happy."

Last year the two teams battled to a 34-34 tie at Encinal, with the Jets winning 40-34 in OT.

Both teams had their chances in this one but numerous mistakes, mainly interceptions, knocked out a lot of opportunities. Albany quarterback Tim Onweller had perhaps his worst day ever, completing just three of 17 pass attempts for 37 yards and five interceptions. William Bennett was practically the whole offense for the Cougars, gaining 80 yards in 19 carries. His 5-yard run in the second overtime gave Albany the victory.

The Cougars won because they picked off Encinal quarterback Jimmy Olson four times and limited running back Walter Scott to 39 yards in 13

carries.

Alonzo Jackson gave Encinal a 6-0 lead in the second quarter when he picked off an Onweller pass and raced 36 yards for a touchdown with a little over 10 minutes left in the half.

The lead held up until Albany defensive back Jonathon Ball returned the favor, intercepting an Olson pass and zigzagging his way 42 yards for the tying score with 10:54 left in the game. Bennett missed the PAT kick.

On the ensuing possession, Olson threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Jammal Cherry but it was nullified due to an illegal procedure penalty. In the first OT period, Kyle Kingston missed a 37-yard field goal attempt that would have given the Jets the "victory."

It was that kind of game, one of missed opportunities and interceptions. But consider it an Albany "win" nonetheless.

Area judoists shine in international competition

East Bay Judo Institute students Stephanie Hata and Sayaka Matsumoto turned in stellar performances late last month at the 1999 Pan American Judo Union Junior Championships.

Hata, who attends El Cerrito High School, won the gold medal in the women's 42-kilogram weight division. Matsumoto, who attends St. Mary's High School, took the silver medal in her weight class.

Hata won her gold medal by beating Leticia Pellegrino of Brazil in the championship final.

"(Hata's) opponent is the national champion of Brazil and one of the toughest competitors in the union," said USA Judo head coach Evelio Garcia. "Stephanie looked awesome as she totally dominated the match on her way to the gold medal."

Matsumoto also performed remarkably well, as she beat Juliana Rodriguez of Ecuador, Zeren Magaly of Mexico and Meagan Colson of

Canada to reach the final. Matsumoto settled for the silver medal after dropping a hard-fought match against Mariana Passos Martins of Brazil.

"Sayaka looked good all day long," said Garcia. "She totally dominated her earlier opponents and we thought she had a good chance to take the gold medal. Only a slight mental error prevented her from winning that match. But her opponent from Brazil is one of the toughest players in the union. We are extremely pleased with her silver-medal performance."

For both Hata and Matsumoto, the Pan American championships capped an exceptional summer. Both judoists captured gold medals at the U.S. Judo Federation Junior National Championships, the U.S. Judo Association Junior National Championships, the USA Judo Junior Olympics and the USA Judo Miami Junior, Youth and Juvenile International Championships.

Hata and Matsumoto were two of

only four athletes across the United States to take home gold medals in all four tournaments.

Additionally, Matsumoto won a silver medal at the Gothenberg International Invitational in Sweden and a bronze medal at the Benito Juarez International Competition in Mexico City.

"All of the students and families of East Bay Judo Institute, and the entire local community, should be proud of the way (Hata and Matsumoto) both represented this area and the entire country at (the Pan American championships)," said David Matsumoto, EBJI head instructor and director of development for USA Judo.

"They worked very hard to achieve these goals, and they deserve to be recognized fairly for their accomplishments."

EBJI is a nonprofit educational corporation located in El Cerrito and dedicated to the teaching of Kodokan judo.

El Cerrito

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Though the Pilots (0-1) lost the first two games, they took almost an hour to complete. When Lee sat some of his starters down in game three, the Pilots went to work.

Trailing 6-1 in the early going, Sara Hodges found more than one soft spot in the Gauchos' defense. She ran off eight straight winners (she nailed two aces) to give her team its first lead of the day, 9-6.

That brought the El Cerrito starters back in — but the ball was rolling. Kills by Jenny Leitz and Angelica Jones and a three-point service run by Leitz pushed the Pilots to within one of the game, 14-8. When the Gauchos rallied to take a 15-14 lead, a missed service gave the Pilots still another chance.

"The break of the whole match was 15-15 and we missed a serve," Lee said. "There was one serve and they come back to win it."

Tania Carranza knotted the game for the third time, then two quick points by Maia Mau gave the Pilots

the game. The storm was breaking.

The clubs fought a back-and-forth contest in the fourth game. The score was tied 2-2 (the Gauchos' Sloan Larson ripped a pair of aces to tie the game), then it was knotted at 3-3, 5-5, 7-7, 9-9 and 11-11.

When the Gauchos rallied to within a point of the game, 14-11, three service points by Jones tied it yet again. A couple of serves later, Wainwright served the game out, with Mau pushing the winner across the net.

Now with all the momentum, St. Joe rushed out to an 8-0 lead in the fifth game. The run included a sensational dig by Carranza that brought the crowd to its feet, a cross-court kill by Wainwright and a rally-sustaining dig by Wainwright.

Stealing thunder

The Gauchos, however, managed to steal the Pilots' thunder:

Getting a point here, a point there (a dink by Jessica Lee made it 8-5, a block at the net by Larson 6-8), El Cerrito checked St. Joe's rally.

Rebecca Hadas served her team into a 11-8 lead (spiking out of the left

corner, Ola Kivalu-Barquies notched the 10th point with a steaming cross-court kill) and Haley Katz pushed the lead to 13-10.

Carranza got back two points on her serve, the second coming on an ace, but the Gauchos nevertheless served the game — and match — out with two rapid winners by Diana Cooney.

"We knew they could play," Lee said. "We weren't surprised at all."

Post game:

TIME OUT! Both coaches called strategic timeouts — mostly when the other guys were rallying to beat the band. In most cases, the timeouts worked: the rallies ended soon thereafter.

Was there genius at work?

"No," Lee laughed. "I say, 'You've got to play hard, get two points, get four points.'"

"I told 'em just play," Cass said. "Don't look at me, don't think you're going to get pulled. Just play your game. And they started to do that."

Then he added: "I think it was kind of on their own that they settled down."

Strokes open house a bonanza

For the Oakland Strokes rowing club, its Sept. 18 open house at the Edwin Lickiss Boathouse was a smashing success.

The Strokes signed up 81 novice rowers — 54 girls and 27 boys — for this fall's novice crew teams.

By generating so much interest in the sport, the Strokes' prospects for continued success are bright. Of course, success builds on success.

And the Strokes have long boasted one of the most successful rowing programs for high school students in the United States.

This year, the Oakland Strokes Crew won the California junior championship and was the silver medalist at the U.S. Youth National competition. Last year, the Strokes were the silver medalists at the world junior championships.

Signups are scheduled for November for those who want to join the Strokes' open house, or for those involved in interscholastic rowing who might want to row later in the season.

For details or to sign up, tie Moura at 483-5879.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lacrosse registration night

Skyline Lacrosse Club welcomes all new and returning players to its Spring 2000 program. Teams include pups (fifth and sixth grade), juniors (seventh and eighth grade), and high school junior varsity and varsity. There's also a team for girls (fifth through eighth grade).

Come to registration night on Tuesday, October 12 at Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, any time between 7 and 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.skylinelacrosse.com>, call Susan Freeman at 465-3713, or send an e-mail to sfreeman@hooked.net.

Swimmers to combat cancer

Five-time Olympic gold medalist Jenny Thompson and Olympic hope-

ful Natalie Coughlin will join hundreds of other Bay Area volunteers for the 1999 Swim a Mile for Women with Cancer.

This noncompetitive event will take place at Mills College on Sunday, Sept. 26 and at Redwood High School in Larkspur on Sunday, Oct. 3. At both sites, the swimmers will swim pledge-sponsored laps to benefit the Women's Cancer Resource Center, a nonprofit agency based in Berkeley that provides free information, referral, support and advocacy for women with cancer and their families.

For registration forms or more information, call 548-9286.

Soccer

Albany High School graduate Annie Izaki has been selected to the Vassar College soccer team. Izaki is a junior at Vassar.

Gauchos

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yards on 25 carries and two downs. McBride completed passes for 334 yards and three downs to lead El Cerrito's

De Anza running back had seven carries for 147 yards. Harris carried nine times. Avedikian ran for 112 yards carries.

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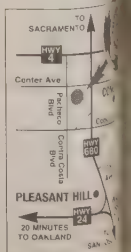
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Comic artist starts his career with a brawl

And Larsen's been in there swinging his pencil ever since

By Corey Lyons

One afternoon at a prestigious comic book convention in Chicago, aspiring artist Erik Larsen met Jim Shooter, then Marvel Comics' editor-in-chief. The two formed a creative union on the spot. For about 20 minutes, they sat in a hotel lobby and sketched out an entire battle sequence between two of Marvel's classic superheroes — the Hulk, a beefy, green-skinned brute, and Thor, a hammer-wielding warrior. The cartoon brawl was Larsen's idea.

"In comics, it's never a decisive battle when two superheroes go head-to-head," he says. "The fight always gets interrupted, or they go and fight other villains. They never finish. So you never know who was the tougher guy. I just finally wanted an answer."

So in that version, Hulk pounded Thor into submission. Shooter loved the conception so much that he proposed using it for a future issue of Marvel Fanfare. Larsen, then 19, was flustered.

"But when it was finally scripted, the fight was a draw," Larsen says. He was crushed. And to make things worse, the dream fight wasn't even published for two years.

Welcome to the comic book industry, kid. Now a resolute industry survivor with an impressive resume, Larsen spends his days crafting his own superheroes. The Montclair resident writes and inks for Image Comics, a small but successful company formed in 1992.

Larsen, 36, is currently designing the comic book cover to "Savage Dragon," for which he has penciled, inked and written 66 consecutive issues — an industrious task unrivaled in the field. In fact, only famed artist Jack Kirby, who penciled 102 straight issues of "The Fantastic Four," has been recognized for producing such an uninterrupted body of work, Larsen says.

Things have gone so well that the cartoonist and his wife Jannine, an attorney with the city of Oakland, were able to buy a house in the Oakland Hills in the late 1980s.

Of course, the path leading to Larsen's artistic liberation has been full of pot holes and dead ends.

Having worked for the two giants of the comic trade — Marvel and DC — Larsen has carved out a career that has been defined by its uncertainty and sudden shifts in direction. Still, he has always managed to stay in demand, despite working in the midst of some very imposing shadows.

"I don't think many people really understand all the politics of this profession," he says. "There's a lot of tampering and compromising. Nobody ever says, 'Let's get the right guy for the job.' It's all about finding a way to bump up sales, at Marvel especially. Sales are everything."

"Nobody really thinks about what's best for the project. It's all very short-term thinking. It's all about minor victories."

Which ultimately led Larsen away from Marvel and DC, though he continues to do freelance work for each.

At 19, Larsen and a group of buddies began publishing an amateur comic in Bellingham, Wash., using his dad's printing press to crank out 300 copies. The comic, which introduced a character Larsen created in the fifth grade called Dragon, was

circulated around the industry.

Ultimately, Dragon caught the attention of Gary Carlson, a creator. Though he was never hired for a high-profile gig through Carlson, Larsen found the industry door creaking open for the first time. Soon, Larsen and Shooter were squeezing hands at a convention in Chicago.

"When I first met him, he looked at my work and knew that I had enough potential," Larsen says. "And he had previously seen some of my samples. So when we met, he said, 'So you're a professional now?' And I said, 'Yes, I am.' And I was — sort of."

Larsen fetched about \$60 a page for crafting his Thor vs. Hulk episode, which was overhauled and appeared — in a version the author hardly recognized — in a future issue of Thor. But despite Larsen's obvious dissatisfaction with Marvel's handling of his product, it ended up being scripted by Spider-Man creator Stan Lee two years later. Larsen was on his way — somewhere.

That humbling assignment gradually led to others. In 1987 he began a job for DC, in which Larsen penciled a comic called "Doom Patrol." It was steady work, and the pay was good.

"When I left 'Doom Patrol,' I didn't have anything lined up," he says. "I just got to the point where I got tired of doing it."

So he landed a good gig with Marvel: as a penciler for "The Punisher." Working from the comfort of his home and communicating constantly with his editors on the East Coast, Larsen drew five issues of "The Punisher" in 1988. It was a good gig because the obscure superhero had enjoyed a short-lived surge in popularity at the time.

"The problem with 'The Punisher' was that there wasn't much to work with," Larsen recalls. "You have this vigilante who goes out and kills bad guys, which was novel at the time, but once you get the idea, there was no depth to it. Once you've written 10, 15, 20 stories, which were all basically the same,

what's next?"

For Larsen, who was getting used to working on assignments with hazy futures, that meant moving to Marvel's "Amazing Spider-Man." This was a glamorous project, though Larsen was hired as a penciler and he had been yearning to write.

Shortly before that, he had been teased by an offer to write for "Nova," but Marvel executives promptly changed their plans, deciding that Larsen would not be a good fit for the project. "I was not real stoked on it," he says.

So in 1989, he was hired as a penciler on "Amazing Spider-Man," for which he received about \$120 a page with lucrative royalties. Still, he had large shoes to fill: Todd McFarlane's. McFarlane, who later went on to fame and fortune with Spawn, had left a Hulk-sized vacancy after switching jobs at Marvel.

"It's seldom a big career boost to follow a popular creator," Larsen says. "You're always going to be compared with the other guy. Luckily for me, sales did not go into the toilet after Todd left. In fact, they went up. But what really happened was that Todd wasn't somewhere else; he was still with Marvel."

Larsen enjoyed a fine run with Marvel, eventually filling in another McFarlane vacancy on "Spider-Man," which is a separate series from "Amazing Spider-Man."

Then one afternoon, while visiting friends in Palo Alto, Larsen and his wife became engrossed by a TV news flash: The Oakland Hills were engulfed in flames. They held their breath.

"They flashed the burn area, and we were somewhere in the middle of it," Larsen recalls. "I figured, well maybe it's one of those doughnut fires."

Hardly. The fire wiped out the couple's two-bedroom house, and turned Larsen's impressive comic book collection — as well as a lifetime of work — into ashes. He lost more than 10,000 comics, or about \$200,000 worth.

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Though Larsen was insured, the fire got him thinking. It was a good chance to start over. Growing weary of filling in other artist's stories, Larsen decided to leave Marvel and DC to pursue his own dreams, which led to Image Comics and great success with "Savage Dragon," which is preparing to release issue No. 71.

"It's nice to finally be able to take what ideas you may have, and follow through 100 percent," he says. "You're the guy in charge. You decide what your characters will do or will not do."

"I think readers respond to that, and realize that it's a decision that has not been messed with. It's pure."



ERIK LARSEN, seen here with his creation, Savage Dragon, has enjoyed an impressive career in the comic book industry.



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Arts

Rep's 'Galileo' is as fascinating as the 17th-century scientist

By Pat Craig

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By Bill Mann

Northern exposure

SEATTLE — Up here in Seattle, our much-improved Raiders are underdogs (sound familiar?) Sunday. Psst, guys, listen up: They haven't seen you Raiders play yet, and Seahawk fans (and perhaps the team, which is also 2-1) are more than a little complacent after being handed an easy win against Pittsburgh last Sunday. I think the Silver and Black might well surprise around 50,000 overconfident people up here this weekend. If Oakland can win at Minnesota and come within 10 seconds of beating Green Bay on the road, I have to like their chances. Take the three points.

By the way, you're going to miss a very funny episode of "The Simpsons" Sunday night at 8 (I've seen it) because of the Raiders — actually, because of KTVU's post-game show. In it, the "hyperactive" Bart is forced to take Ritalin. It's a great take-off on what KGO's Dr. Dean Edell is always calling the "overmedication" of so many children today.

Some of you are probably wondering why the Raiders are on KTVU at all, since this is an AFC game normally seen on CBS. The reason: In the NFL's TV agreement is a clause that states that when it's 5 p.m. Sunday ESPN game features a local team, non-cable subscribers in that market also get to see it, too. So there's an auction for the broadcast rights, which Channel 2 won. OK, but why run a local post-game show and preempt "The Simpsons" and the funny "Futurama"? Money, of course — those will all be local spots Sunday after the game. To help pay for the game being carried on the Oakland station. And then some.

It'll be the second time in 10 days that a first-rate Fox show will be pre-empted because of sports: Last week, of course, the acclaimed "Action" was bumped back to after midnight by a game featuring the non-contending Giants. Losing a Top Five market station hurt Fox's national Nielsen ratings for the struggling, first-rate new comedy.

Back to Seattle: I don't just come up this way every year for a vacation. No, siree. I come, hak kaff, primarily to look for news items that might interest you loyal and discriminating Hills readers. (Do the terms "Pavlov" and "business deduction" ring a bell?). Since big Seattle talk station KIRO (710 AM) is not yet webcasting — it keeps promising it will at www.kiro.com — visiting the Pacific Northwest also gives me my only chance every year to be entertained by the country's best and funniest radio talk host, a guy who's also a purveyor of common sense, Dave Ross. You've probably heard Ross filling in for *Charlies Osgood* as a commentator on the CBS Radio Network (heard on KCBS here). The deep-voiced Ross's show airs mornings in Seattle on KIRO. One day last week, Ross was semi-seriously advancing the idea of smokers paying for health insurance as part of the price of a pack of butts.

"Think of it as buying your deathbed in easy installments," he intoned. Ross's essays are easily the funniest thing KCBS carries, and I'm envious of Seattleites for getting to hear Ross three hours each weekday.

Our First Gay President: And it may well have already happened. A fascinating story on P.1 of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer last week strongly suggests that James Buchanan was our first homosexual chief exec. The story also says there's no doubt that Vice-President Rufus King, probably our most obscure Veep, was gay. He died of T.B. in 1853, barely a week after taking office.

I'd always known the bit of trivia about James Buchanan being our only bachelor president, but now we may well know why: The Seattle daily says historian Sol Barzman, in his book about V.P.'s, says Rufus King and Buchanan were lovers the 20 years both served in the Senate. Barzman also wrote that Andy Jackson called the prissy Sen. King "Miss Nancy," and a Tennessee senator called King "Buchanan's better half." Sounds like there's a homophobe on your \$20 bill.

But the story gets even more interesting: Seattle is in King County,

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Serving up a bountiful feast for both mind and soul, Berkeley Repertory Theatre opened its millennium season with a stylish and ever-so-theatrical revival of Bertolt Brecht's "The Life of Galileo," the same play that opened its Addison Street theater in 1980.

You don't get Brecht's theater of alienation here. In fact, the show directed by Mark Wing-Davey is quite inviting and, at times, downright user-friendly. Nor do you get the minimalist characters. Michael Winters' portrayal of Galileo Galilei is a warm, very human, fully realized characterization that is as much a tribute to the human spirit as it is to the human intellect.

What you do get, though, in "Galileo" is an enormous swimming pool of ideas, with plenty of fun in the shallow water, but a bottomless deep end as well. It is, on one hand, classic Brecht, a show that demands intellectual engagement, but on the other, it dishes out such an electrifying portion of multimedia theatri-

cality you could experience the play on an emotional level — simply letting it wash over you — and not feel the least bit disappointed.

It is the story of Galileo, his appropriation of the telescope from its Dutch inventor, and his using it to prove the Copernican theory — that the Earth and other planets travel around the sun as part of a near-infinite universe. The findings of the Italian scientist, now considered granite-lined fact, were, at the time, held "false and erroneous" by the Catholic Church.

The story becomes a scientific and religious cat-and-mouse game, where the truth, represented by Galileo's findings, is not much more than an intellectual volleyball to be tossed about at the whim of 17th-century theology and politics.

Unwarranted apology

And eventually, Galileo's findings were suppressed, even though they were determined to be true by church astronomers. Under threat of torture, the scientist was compelled

THEATER REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "The Life of Galileo," by Bertolt Brecht, in a new version by David Hare

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays; 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays-Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays, with some additional matinees through Nov. 5

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$38-\$48.50 with some discounts

■ **CALL:** 510-845-4700

to renounce his discoveries, essentially because they minimized the importance of the Earth and the place of man in the universe.

Brecht rewrote the play three times in the '30s, '40s and '50s, each to reflect his take on current political situations, ranging from dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima to the death of Stalin.

Now the show, a new version by David Hare, speaks to any number of contemporary ideas as we watch Galileo, the church, his friends and

enemies, his family and even the changing political situation play out an intense drama against the backdrop of the scientist's newly discovered truth.

Watching at this distance, it is not difficult to pull the notions into the present and wonder if the scientific controversies of today — genetic engineering, for example — in 300 years will seem as benign as Galileo proving the Copernican theory.

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Costello's still learning, really

■ **Modest singer-songwriter finds new way to create songs — nowadays it's the music that comes before the lyrics**

By Paul Freeman

Over the years, Elvis Costello, indisputably one of the greatest songwriters to emerge in the last two decades, has changed his approach to the craft.

"I used to just pick up the guitar and words would tumble out," explains Costello, who appears with longtime keyboardist Steve Nieve (of the Attractions) at San Francisco's Warfield on Thursday night, followed by a concert at Oakland's Paramount

PREVIEW

■ **WHO:** Elvis Costello

■ **WHEN AND WHERE:** 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1, at Paramount Theatre, Oakland

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$29.50/\$37.50/\$49.50

■ **CALL:** 762-BASS

Theatre the following evening. "The words led the way. Most of the time, they came simultaneously with a sense of shape and rhythm. Later I would refine the music to some degree, even if it was quite simple. A little while after that, I would move to the piano and it became more determined musically.

"In recent years, I feel as if the

music has been driving the words almost entirely. The music has come first, in almost every case, in the last five years particularly."

That meant an Elvis Costello-Burt Bacharach collaboration could work beautifully. After teaming for the Grammy-nominated "God Give Me Strength," from the film "Grace of My Heart," Bacharach and Costello joined forces for "Painted From Memory" (Mercury), a full album of lush and luscious tunes. They also had a cameo in the "Austin Powers" sequel.

"Some people look at this as a real odd couple," 70-year-old Bacharach says, "but we're not coming from such different places. If you trace Elvis back to his bad-boy days as a punk artist and view me as the king of soft, middle-of-the-road pop, the perceived disparity is under-

standable. But it's not really that way. He's a guy who did an album with the Brodsky String Quartet. He's an adventurer. So this isn't so far out, is it?"

Cool collaboration

The album features instant pop classics, such as the title tune, "This House Is Empty Now," "The Sweetest Punch" and the award-winning "I Still Have That Other Girl."

Costello, who turned 45 last month, appreciated having the opportunity to work with a master. "I've always been knocked out by the climaxes in Burt's songs, as well as the opening statements, which are often quite confidential. He has songs that are ingenious and have a light spirit, but the ones that really get under my

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CAPSULE PREVIEW

Theatergoers will be on top of 'Glass'

■ **Williams' play should be crystal clear since patrons will be close to the action**

By Pat Craig

"THE GLASS MENAGERIE" at Aurora Theatre opens its eighth season at 8 tonight and runs at 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 31. The group performs in the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Tickets, at \$25-\$28, may be reserved by calling 510-843-4822.

Tennessee Williams' semi-autobiographical tale of desperation and family dysfunction should play well in the tiny room used by the Aurora Theatre for its productions.

With an audience surrounding the action on three sides and sitting within touching distance of the performers, action in the Wingfield family's St. Louis apartment should unfold with considerable intensity.

The play deals with the frustrations and futility of life for members of the family led by mother Amanda, a former Southern belle, now living on memories in a dingy apartment. The son, Tom, has an intense desire to move on, but feels trapped in the home situation and his job, and daughter, Laura, handicapped, is turning into a recluse.

When Tom brings home a gentleman caller for Laura, the family's desperate plight snaps into sharp focus.

"Glass Menagerie" opened on Broadway in 1945, and won numerous awards, including the New York Drama Critics Award for best American play.

Cast members for the Aurora production, directed by Soren Oliver, include Lura Dolas, Kathryn Pallakoff, Gabriel Sebastian and Paul Sulzman.

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FORMER HANSON GUITARIST Ravi (yes, just Ravi), discusses life on the road with the three brothers from Tulsa, Okla. He will perform and sign copies of his book, "Dancin' With Hanson" (Simon & Schuster), at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Oakland Ballet opens season with odd, widely varied works

By Anita Amirrezvani

For the first time in its 34-year history, the Oakland Ballet opened its season without Ronn Guidi, its founding artistic director, at the helm.

Although Guidi selected most of the material for the 1999 season and is still choreographing new work, it is clearly a time of transition for the company. That may explain why Friday's program at the Paramount Theatre wasn't one of the Oakland Ballet's best efforts, either in choice of material or in performance.

The Oakland Ballet is well known for re-creating beautiful historical

ballets, including "Bolero," "Afternoon of a Faun," "Petrouchka" and "Le Spectre de la Rose." "Jinx," a 1942 ballet that was given its company premiere on opening night, was evidently chosen with the idea of continuing this tradition.

But rather than being a thrilling addition to the repertory, "Jinx" is a bizarre curiosity. Created by Lew Christensen, it tells the story of a scapegoated, clownlike fellow named Jinx (Mario Alonzo) who works in the circus. Whenever bad fortune strikes the other performers, they blame it on Jinx. After a tightrope walker falls, the group turns on Jinx

and a sadistic ringmaster (Carlo Sierros) whips him to death. The music — Benjamin Britten's "Variations on a Theme by Frank Bridge" — is appropriately dark.

If only Christensen had stopped while he was ahead! But instead, the story gets positively macabre. Somehow, Jinx rises up from the dead to get his revenge, and it all spins off into a strange muddle from there. Strangely enough, none of the characters remains sympathetic by the end, not even Jinx.

To be sure, the Oakland Ballet

HOT SHEET

■ The 25th annual Bay Area Boy Parade and Festival begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at DeFremery Park in San Francisco. Free. Call 510-551-1111.

■ Berkeley Public Library presents "The Berkeley Festival 1900-1998," an exhibit of photographs and documents from the city's history. South Branch, 1901 Ridge St., Berkeley. Through Oct. 31. Call 510-644-6860.

EVENTS

American Diabetes Association's "Walktober"

Participants gather to support the Diabetes Association. Oct. 2 at 7 a.m.

Event is at Jack London Alice Street and the Embarcadero. Oakland. Call (925) 934-4000 or (510) 814-6000.

Berkeley Public Library

"The Berkeley Family" 1998, exhibit runs through Oct. 2 at 7 a.m. Photographs trace the history of the South Berkeley residents who focus on Asian American and American families.

Exhibit is free, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the South Branch Russell St., Berkeley. Call 510-644-6860.

California College of Arts and Crafts

"Interweavings," runs through Nov. 24. This exhibit international artists with papers of classic textile crafts, embroidery, lace and tapestry.

There is also opening reception Oct. 1, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: Free. Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Thursday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oliver Avenue 5212 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 921-0100.

East Bay Children's Theatre Festival

Festival runs through Nov. 7. A series of performances for children offering circus acts, magic, puppetry, vaudeville acts, and more.

Admission: \$12.50 general admission, \$7.50 children. First four Sunday matinees, 2 p.m. Julia Morgan Day at 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (510) 84-JULIA.

Fairyland

A fairy tale theme park for children. More than 30 colorful families. Designed especially for children 10 and under, there are games, a train, the "Peter Rabbit" puppet shows, storytelling, a book of slides and animals.

"Play Island," is an ongoing level tree-house play area at the top of the novel "Swiss Family Robinson."

"Sadko," a puppet show through Nov. 7. A young sailor prospers to Russia. Show matinees 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Oakland. Fairyland Child Personalities' performances, run through Nov. 7. Fairyland's 36-member performance ensemble will present one of its musicals every weekend. The ensemble's members range in age from 6 to 8. The shows are "The Wizard of Oz," "Anansi the Spider," "Hanuman the Monkey." Shows are Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Admission: \$5 general admission, unlimited rides; free children's age 1. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Bellevue Avenues, Oakland. (510) 452-2259 or (510) 233-4444.

Montclair Fall Fest

Fest is Oct. 2 and Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival offers arts and crafts and opportunities to talk with the artists.

Admission: Free. Montclair Fairgrounds and LaSalle Avenue, Oakland. (510) 339-1000.

Oakland historic downtown walking tour

Runs through October. Cover downtown Oakland and historic waterfront. All tours are free.

First Tuesday tour visits the tour and to learn about its history. The tour also visits Frank H. Plaza and city administration buildings. Meet at the front steps of Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Hall, Oct. 5.

Old Oakland tour is through Oakland's Victorian

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'Jakob' simply doesn't ring true

■ Robin Williams tries to do another film where he plays a reluctant saint, but this time he crosses the line
By Karen Hershenson

Robin Williams once again tweaks emotions while cracking jokes in *Jakob the Liar*, a Holocaust quasi-comedy that wants to be "Life is Beautiful" but doesn't come close.

After the goopy "Patch Adams" and the goopy "What Dreams May Come," you would hope the Bay Area would return to what he does best — straight-ahead comedy, a la "The Birdcage" or "Mrs. Doubtfire." Instead he continues to cast himself as the reluctant saint; a regular guy thrust into extraordinary circumstances who manages to keep his sense of humor intact. Sometimes the movie-combo works, as it did in *Good Will Hunting*, but mostly it's going wrong.

Clearly it's a matter of identity crisis with Williams secure in his comedic prowess, but determined to move himself a serious actor, too. Fusing the confusion is his wife and the Wolf Productions partner, Marc Garces Williams, who championed this project.

Then there's the matter of Holocaust comedies. These are always risky, and many who survived the horrors are deeply offended at the very notion. I'm not a "Life is Beautiful" guy, but it seems inspired compared

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** 'Jakob the Liar'

■ **STARRING:** Robin Williams, Alan Arkin, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Liev Schreiber

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (sexual situations, language, war violence)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 54 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Grand Lake Theater, Oaks Theater in Berkeley, UA Emerybay 10.

■ **GRADE:** C

to this, which plays dangerously close to "Hogan's Heroes" goes to Auschwitz.

That's not to belittle the story, which is based on concentration camp survivor Jurek Becker's novel about a former latke vendor who begins fabricating radio bulletins in order to bolster spirits in a Nazi-occupied Polish ghetto. Director Peter Kassovitz is a survivor too, having spent the war hidden by a Catholic family, and later reunited with his parents, who miraculously survived the camps.

The experiences of these two men give "Jakob the Liar" its authenticity, from details about the drudgery of ghetto life, to the film's bleak coloring and light. It's got the look of one of those European war films, but with a Hollywood-heavy cast.

The ensemble is strong as well, with Alan Arkin as a two-bit actor, Armin Mueller-Stahl as a cardiologist

and Liev Schreiber as a dim-witted boxer who prances about the ghetto, pounding on doors and announcing "Gestapo" in order to gain entry. Each is a colorful member of a community that has pulled tightly together in order to survive. Bob Balaban ("Deconstructing Harry") stands out as Jakob's close friend, Kowalski, a barber with whom he traded latkes for shaves when potatoes were available.

The Germans have forbidden Jews from owning radios, but when Jakob hears a news bulletin at Nazi headquarters one night and shares the information, his neighbors become convinced he has one. Sensing new hope around him, he feels pressured to keep up the lie, and what began innocently becomes increasingly dangerous.

The movie's weakest element is a young escapee (Hannah Taylor Gordon) whom Jakob takes in. She spends most of the movie holed up in his building, where she puts bags around the kitchen making rattaba soup. She seems to be there only as a foil for Williams, especially when he treats her to a pretend radio broadcast, the movie's only moment of flat-out shock.

With all these heartwarming goings-on, you wonder where, exactly, the Holocaust went. It surfaces only in glimpses — when Mueller-Stahl's character is summoned by the Nazis, or when a Jewish man is shot down.

Then suddenly, toward the end of the movie, things intensify. But by then you've bought into this ghetto-as-a-safety-zone, and it doesn't fit.

Ballet

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dancers performed this material with flair. But overall, there was nothing they could do to save the piece from itself.

The other company premiere, "Djangleology," was the highlight of the evening. San Francisco Ballet choreographer Val Caniparoli created a work that revolves around jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt's recordings of songs like "Georgia On My Mind," "Ain't Misbehavin'" and the "Tiger Rag." The piece for eight dancers is supposed to evoke the hot Parisian jazz scene of the 1930s.

Caniparoli often incorporates movement from other times, places

or cultures into his ballets, and "Djangleology" is no exception. It has the loose, friendly feeling of people having fun at a club, and the dancing is built on simple moves, many of them funny. Dancers enter the stage forehead-to-forehead, for example, or line up back-to-belly and move in synopacted back. There are lots of familiar club moves, too. This is a lighthearted, enjoyable romp through the origins of jazz dance, even though its ending is rather anticlimactic.

The company also performed "Hovering Slightly Above Ground," created by Lines Contemporary Ballet artistic director Alonzo King. This abstract ballet, which the company premiered in 1998, gives the dancers a chance to try on a new vocabulary

of movement. Set to avant-garde string music by Henryk Gorecki and Paul Giger, it's fast, modern and full of difficult moves.

Lara Deans Lowe opened the piece with an exquisite, athletic solo which proved what a fine dancer she is in any style. Ben Barnhart and Jenna McClintock strutted their stuff in a trademark King pas de deux with unusual balances, extreme physical challenges and what looked like exquisite mutual torment.

But in the ensemble sections, the dancers often failed to move in sync, and the results were messy. Perhaps the thrill of performing the piece for a far denser crowd at Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall last year motivated the dancers, but on Friday, they weren't quite up to the challenge.

Mann

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which dumped Rufus King as the county's namesake awhile back and adopted Martin Luther King, who has the same surname. Not because the earlier King was gay, but because he was elected in 1952 on a pro-slavery ticket with Franklin Pierce. County officials in Seattle are now debating whether or not to add a likeness of Dr. King to its logo. It's a tough one — PC or not PC. Seattle City Councilwoman Tina Podolowski, a lesbian, says if given the choice between a slave owner (Rufus King), even a gay one, or a civil-rights icon, she'll go for the latter. But if Percy King hadn't owned slaves, this debate would be much thornier.

Rescue at Sea: On the way over from Seattle to lovely Victoria, B.C., to visit Bay Area broadcast legend "Mayor Art" Finley, our speedy passenger ship, The Victoria Clipper, was delayed for an improbable reason: We had to stop to help a sinking sailboat. Air lines can't use this excuse, however, when planes are an hour late.

The courtly Finley, a longtime KGO and KCBS radio talk host and host of KRON's 1960s kiddie show "Mayor Art," is in fine fettle these days. We commiserated about the recent death of longtime KPIX-broadcaster Bill Hillman, a good guy and longtime friend of Finley's who headed up the Bay Area's AFTRA (broadcast

union) unit. It was Finley and Hillman who teamed up to get a Loss of Voice disability benefit written into AFTRA's national contract — an effort that took, unbelievably, over 20 years. "If people in radio lose an arm or a leg," Finley says, "they're covered. And they can still work. But you can't work if you lose your voice."

Also, while I was in Canada, an interesting thing happened you probably didn't read about in your local daily, although it's significant: Manitoba elected a socialist premier. It's not the first time that province has elected a New Democratic Party government, and British Columbia has also had NDP governments. And when I lived in Montreal, a previous Manitoba NDP legislature — get this — ordered the province to take over the auto-insurance business. Every driver in the province paid the same no-fault premium — \$49 a year. Imagine. I doubt that story got much press here, either.

The reason I mention this is twofold: One, to show how the words "socialist" and "communist" are often — and ludicrously — interchanged in the U.S. Canada has had several NDP provincial governments, but they weren't communists, of course. The other reason is to again point out the unbelievable ignorance most Americans have about their friendly and well-meaning northern neighbors. Canadians have always had a greater degree of (gasp) socialism in their government, and "socialism" isn't a dirty word up there like it is here for some strange rea-

son. No, I'm not a socialist — I'm a registered Republican. But living in Canada has also shown me that some limited forms of socialism do work and that they promote the greater good. Maybe that's precisely more why we don't hear about them.

I do wish American newspapers would run more Canadian news and stories other than those about the odd plane crash, flood, or massive power failure. We have a lot to learn from Canada, and every time I go there I marvel at how civilized the place is. And please don't send me any silly Canadian health-care horror stories. Some are true, but most of them I've heard are distortions, exaggerations, and outright lies. I know this from personal experience: Our family lived within the Canadian health system for several years. As one example, it cost me a total of \$20 to have our first child — and that was for a private room at Royal Victoria Hospital.

My favorite Canadian news story last week also probably wasn't in your local daily: Canada's attempts to fly a token peacekeeping force to East Timor were repeatedly thwarted — not by demonstrators. Canadian military planes carrying troops developed engine problems three times and had to return to their Royal Canadian Forces bases. I know: If the country can't run an Air Force how can it run ... yadda yadda yadda.

(Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsmann@aol.com.)

Galileo

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will seem as benign as Galileo viewing the Copernican theory. Scratch a little harder, and you begin to think about things like the relationship between truth, science and how it might be controlled by big money. You think about the politics of truth and the nature of power, and the fact that both can be bought and sold. And at one point, when Galileo is about science becoming too far removed from the public, you wonder if that might just be the case today with technology seeming to be coming roughshod across all aspects of our lives.

On the other hand, you can just sit there in the theater, where the walls

are covered with corrugated steel for this production to create a warehouse effect, and enjoy a pleasant sensory assault. Using old photographs, videotape, large posters and signs and live video, all projected large on the theater's walls, the piece takes on a post-modern MTV sort of look.

A montage

On stage, the mixed media mood continues, with cast members in costumes, designed by Meg Neville, from various time periods, antique to contemporary. The set pieces, by Douglas Stein, also range several hundred years in time to give the production a highly stylized yet universal setting. The attitude of the piece is also enhanced by the excellent lighting (by Christopher Akerlind) and a truly astonishing sound design (by James Le-

Brecht).

Wing-Davey takes his cast, and the audience, on a delightfully entertaining and stimulating ride that is the shortest three hours you'll ever spend in the theater. He creates wonderful images throughout the piece, including a strikingly appropriate leap of faith by the Little Monk (Sean San Jose) who joins Galileo in his work.

Finally, the cast is simply top-notch, with an incredibly well-rounded performance by Winters in the title role, along with some memorable turns from the supporting players, including Ken Ruta as the Cardinal Inquisitor, Anne Darragh as Signora Sarti and L. Peter Callender as Cardinal Barberini.

"Galileo" is a wonderful opener for Berkeley Rep and seems to hold a promise for an exciting season.

Costello

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are those that have a great sense of poignancy. "It's been fascinating to see the way he thinks musically, his amazing discipline and attention to detail." Bacharach benefits from a more musical musical training. "He's a thoroughly schooled person with a complete command of communicating on the page," Costello says. "I've come later to that. I'm able to write music down now with a reasonable degree of confidence, but I'm not so good at sight-reading."

"So occasionally would make an error when we were working on a song. I would take away a first draft of the music that we'd written and might bend the tune a little bit to my ear. I will, only to have Burt say, 'That's a great rhyme ... but you did actually have that many notes to make that rhyme,'" Costello laughs. "And sometimes fight for that line to stay that way. But usually, when I took a step back, I realized he was right. On this record, I changed the way I wrote. I got a very distinct, recognizable lyrical tone, where everything is much clearer than any other set of lyrics that I've ever written."

Costello gets humble

Costello's voice on the album is at most plaintive. "Burt has been very helpful by some of the greatest singers ever, many of them probably more vocalists than I am, less forceful than I am, in some cases softer, singing with less stress. But

there's a tension and, I hope, something thrilling about reaching for something that is on the edge of your ability."

Bacharach and other pop composers of the '50s and '60s found themselves being pushed into the background when the singer-songwriters emerged. Costello relates, "I heard Joni Mitchell say, 'Everybody's a songwriter; even people who shouldn't be.' It's true. It was as true in 1963 as it is today."

"People heard the Beatles and said, 'Oh, I could do that!' Actually, no, you couldn't. You couldn't write 'She Loves You,' let alone, 'For No One' or 'Girl.' It's the same today. A lot of people who can sort of write songs screw up their ears and tell themselves it's something special. But it's not really."

Costello admires the timeless quality of Bacharach's music. "Writers like that were always being told they were out of date. Guess what. They're not. People are still talking about George Gershwin and he's not been around since 1938."

"Who's the better songwriter, Burt Bacharach or Bob Dylan? Burt writes very complicated songs that sound very appealing nevertheless. Dylan uses a very simple form where the complexity is in the ideas and moods and emotions it creates. You can't even compare them. I'm just glad they're both around."

Early work

Costello has been around, energizing the pop scene since the late '70s, bursting forth from the new wave scene and eventually exploring

a wide range of musical avenues. He has written more than 300 songs.

"I'd say I'm probably not known for my best songs," he says. "I've had success with songs that, in my opinion, aren't in the front rank of the compositions. The kind of songs that I have the strongest feeling for have a quirk about them that doesn't make them that commercial."

Costello's musical evolution has been enhanced by his collaborating with diverse artists, spanning rock, blues, jazz, country and classical genres. "I don't set out to get anything out of those experiences other than enjoyment. But I usually end up learning something."

"It's not like a lesson you can really point a big stick at," he laughs. "It's just a subtle nuance or some little thing you learned about your own ability, vocally, lyrically or as a performer. It's all added up to more capability of going that little bit further. When that large challenge, like writing with Burt, came along, I was able to take advantage of it to a greater extent because of a lot of those things I had done previously."

When he collaborated with the Brodsky quartet, Costello couldn't communicate his ideas to them through musical notation as fluently as he wished. "It was very embarrassing at times. Now I'm half-trained. I can write music down with reasonable credibility, but I can still make my own kind of good mistakes," he chuckles.

"The formal music education is no more important than the aural education of just listening, which is ongoing and never-ending."

Events

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rest in front of Ratto's at Washington and Ninth streets. Oct. 16. **City Center.** Turn-of-the-century landmarks alongside modern high-rises are seen in this tour.

Explore the upbeat style of the modern City Center Square. Meet at City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Oct. 6.

Uptown To The Lake. Tour the historic Deco buildings of Oakland's Broadway business district and see the ornate tile and terra cotta architecture. The tour includes the facade of the Fox Oakland Theater, the Kaiser Center roof garden, and the view of Lake Merritt. Meet in front of the Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway. Oct. 9.

Preservation Park. This is a group of Victorian homes which replicate an authentic neighborhood of the 1870s. The homes have been restored and are used for offices and businesses. Meet at park entrance, Martin Luther King Jr. Way and 13th Street. Oct. 23.

Oakland Chinatown. This bustling Asian center is the fifth largest Chinatown in the United States. Visit the sidewalk markets filled with fresh fish, barbecued duck, exotic fruits and vegetables. Walk through the herb shops and see fresh noodles being made. Meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza fountain at Ninth and Webster Streets. Oct. 20.

Jack London's Waterfront. Tour the Port of Oakland and learn about Jack London. Visit the Jack London Museum and see the restored yacht

of President Roosevelt, the USS Potomac. Meet in front of the Overland Bar and Grill, 101 Broadway. Oct. 30.

Churches and Temples. Visit three historic places of worship and learn about the architecture as well as the influence of the churches in the development of Oakland. Meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Broadway at 27th Street. Oct. 13.

Downtown Historic District. This tour highlights the newly designed Downtown Historic District and includes the Tribune Tower, the Beaux Arts style Broadway Building and other early 20th century commercial landmarks. Meet at the City Hall front entrance, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza at 14th Street. Oct. 2 and Oct. 27.

Free. Call for reservations. Oakland. (510) 238-3234.



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Two different programs will be offered in the upcoming run, which is being presented by Jonathan Reinis Productions in association with Micocci Productions, LLC.

Born in Strabourg, France, Marceau's interest in mime was inspired by silent movie stars Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Langdon and Laurel & Hardy.

In 1944, Marceau enrolled in Charles School of Dramatic Art in the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre in Paris, where he studied with master, Etienne Decroux.

In 1947, Marceau created his character, his alter-ego akin to Chaplin's "Little Tramp". Marceau's pieces include classic mime such as *The Cage*, *The Mask Maker*, *The Garden*, and the signature piece, *Maturity, Old Age and Death*.

Marceau first toured the United States in 1956 and has since appeared in this country on a regular basis for over forty years. Marceau's extensive transcontinental tours have included South America, South and North Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, Japan, India, and throughout Europe.

Marceau's San Francisco schedule for performances is: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.; Friday, Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m.; and, Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$45, and may be charged by calling Theatre on the Square at (415) 433-9500, or BASS.

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La Crème de la Crème is housed in a cozy bungalow with seating for 35 in the main dining room and an additional 25 on the heated patio.

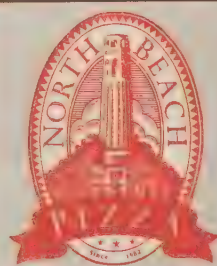
George and Li Ping combine their talents with team members Andrew Bergman and Grant Watson of St. Helena to provide a modern French Cuisine that is a delightful dining experience. George personally selects the fresh seafood and organic produce from the market each morning. The menu also features all natural beef and lamb from Niman Ranch.

The result is a menu that is both varied

and exciting. I would suggest beginning with the steamed Prince Edward Island Mussels. La Crème de la Crème signature dishes are all magnificent creations. If you find it difficult to make a decision the house specialty is Rack of Lamb, a La Marechale in a Merlot sauce, a wonderful choice.

Of course, what is dinner without a great wine and a decadent desert? The wine selection is extensive and well suited for the cuisine. Desert however proves to be the most irresistible part of the meal, Mango Mousse with sponge cake and fresh mangos, Bavarian caramel mousse with poached pears and triple chocolate mousse are some of the selections.

To celebrate the realization of their dream George and Li Ping are offering "two for one entrées" during October. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sunday brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call (510) 420-8822 for reservations.



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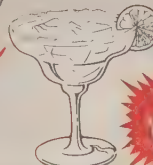
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Classes

The Markstein Cancer Education and Prevention Center offers free breast self-exam classes at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., Tuesday Oct. 5, 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Call 655-4000 for additional information.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., offers a hands-on workshop for making a simple solar cooker using only sunlight as fuel. Learn basic solar principles and hear how solar cooker benefits people around the world. Cost is \$10 for non members; \$7.50 for members, plus \$10 for materials. Call 548-2220 for more information and to sign up.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The center offers a variety of workshops. Orientation is Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 848-6370.

Berkeley Community Media presents classes covering camera techniques, movement, composition of shots, tempo, continuity, editing, sound influence. Screenings will include works of Godard, Wong Kar Wai, Spike Lee, and others. This class is for anyone interested in film, video and the power of the media. Call 848-2288, ext. 810 for additional information.

"Learn Your Rights When Dealing with the Police," a free three-hour orientation teaches how to observe police and to help prevent police brutality. Copwatch is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization, which works to defend the rights of everyone under the law. For additional information, call 548-0425.

Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly-dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug, 7 p.m. beginning classes 8 p.m. intermediate four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes

Children

Kids and their adult companions can explore the UC-Berkeley Botanical Garden with Docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. Visit a section of the garden that represents a different continent or foreign country, find out what's special about the plants that grow there, and draw what you see. Call 643-2755 to reserve space.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at

West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin Avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

The new Atoms Family exhibition at Lawrence Hall of Science, UC-Berkeley, opens Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet Dracula, Phantom of the Opera, The Mummy, and Dr. Frankenstein, as costumed actors welcome you to the world of energy, matter and physics. Enjoy solar apple cooking, live demonstrations, and making edible molecules. Call 642-5132 for additional information.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, sponsors flu shots Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon and Oct. 10 to 2 p.m. Donation is \$2. For more information call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107.

The Berkeley-Bay Area Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a non-profit organization, sponsors a trip to Alamo Heights and a day of touring and other festivities on Saturday, Oct. 9. Bus pick up is 8:30 a.m. at El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center, behind the Wall Fargo Bank on San Pablo Avenue and 7 a.m. at Foothill Square Shopping Center in the back parking lot. Tickets: adults \$40; youth, ages 5-18, \$22. For additional information, call Audrey Robinson at 836-7078.

Berkeley Chamber of Commerce presents Ambassadors' Gourmet Spaghetti Feed at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Sea-wall Dr., Thursday, Sept. 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission \$20 all you can eat. Limited seating. Call 549-7003 to reserve space and for additional information.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

The City of El Cerrito is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18) Ages 12 + for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

"Work Buddies" volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic: 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

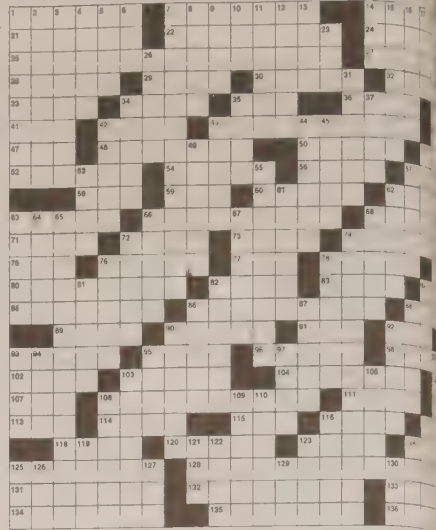
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Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

The Photolab Gallery continues its exhibit of lithochrome color prints at the Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St., by photographer Bruce Yost through Oct. 25. The free exhibit is open to the public. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed on Sunday. For additional information call 644-1400.

The South Branch-Berkeley Public Library, 1901 Russell St., continues its photographic exhibit "The Berkeley Family 1900-1998" through Oct. 15. Call 644-6860 for additional information.

Kala Art Institute, 1060 Heinz Ave., presents the work of Phelan printmaking winners Susan Belau, Jeanne Tunberg, Marion Wesson through Oct. 14. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, other times by appointment. Call 549-2977 for additional information.

Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., announces a group exhibition featuring six artists from New York, Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. The exhibition "Drive-by" continues through Oct. 17.

"Behold the Woman," a millennium celebration of miraculous Marian images and their stories from around the world throughout the last two thousand years, continues through Oct. 31. The free exhibit takes place at Santa Fe Institute, 2320 Dana St. Call 543-2920 for additional information.

Kala Art Institute presents The San Francisco Foundation 1999 James D. Phelan Awards in Printmaking exhibit continuing through Oct. 14. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Collective Narratives: Paintings by Karen Cornell and Byron Spicer on exhibit at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., through Oct. 30. For additional information call 644-6893

The Current Gallery at the Crucible presents "Akin to Skin," welded steel and kinetic rubber works by Nancy Mintz through Oct. 23. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed most Fridays. For additional information call 843-5511

ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents New Work: The 3P's Painting-Paper-Pottery to Oct. 2. Call 843-2527 for additional information.

The Berkeley Potters Guild holds its 28th annual winter holiday sale during the weekends of Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 4-5 and during the entire week of Dec. 11-23. Nineteen Guild members will display current works throughout their complex of open studios. The Guild is located at 731 Jones St. at 4th St., just off the Gilman St. exit of I-80. Call 524-7031 or visit the web site at Berkeley-Potters.com.

University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Avenue, hosts an exhibition of

paintings by the artist Jeffery through Oct. 23. Hours are

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Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 843-6230.

Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Archives presents the latest exhibition in the Matrix Program for Contemporary Art. Tobias Rehberger/Matthias Wechsung. The exhibit will be his first person museum exhibition in the United States. Call 642-2250 for additional information.

Claremont Gallery, 2907 Claremont Ave., presents "Southwest Passages" through Oct. 31. Call 848-9300 for additional information.

Bates Medical Center presents a lecture by members of the California Water Association at its Community Center, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The lecture is in the main corridor to the right of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

Memory and the Jews of the Pale of Settlement. A photographic exhibition by Peggy Myers is on view through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 843-6950.

Here: The Jews of the Pale of Settlement. A photographic exhibition by Peggy Myers is on view through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 843-6950.

Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Ashby Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Party Events

Corson with Lysa Castro presents "Body Tales," improvisational movement stories, on Saturday, Oct. 2, 3 p.m. at Hillside Church, 1422 Hillside St., El Cerrito. Tickets are \$10. Call 847-4467 for additional information.

Hoagland reads from his new book "Donkey Gospel" in the Lunch Series on Oct. 7, 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Morrison campus. Admission is free. The series continues on Oct. 14 with a reading by Pura Lopez, one of Mexico's leading contemporary poets. Call 642-0137 for additional information.

Word readers: Study Unit meets at Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph, Wednesdays noon to 1 p.m. Contact Anne Allen, 843-5611.

Wings

Unitarian International of El Cerrito holds a Founder's Day District 1 meeting Oct. 3, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the El Cerrito Plaza Hotel, Jack London Square. The club's business meeting takes place on Oct. 5, noon, at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7901 Cut Blvd. in El Cerrito. A Founder's Day program with El Pinabolo and Richmond takes place in Pinole at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 6. Call 235-0067 for reservations. A program meeting takes place on Oct. 19, call 233-3730.

Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) is every Thursday evening at the Baptist Church, Richmond, on 10th and Arlington. Call Betty 235-0490 for more information.

Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 7 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Berkeley Communications Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 50 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillgass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillgass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing, Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters: meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

Toastmasters: noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley, 883-6708.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

"Adios to Tears," a benefit concert for Japanese-Latin American Redress efforts take place at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Thursday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m. with Los Otros, new Chicano groove and Asian Crisis, Pan-Asian percussion. The concert is presented by Asian Improve Arts in association with Campaign for justice and Bay Area Remembrance Consortium. Tickets: \$8 to \$15. For additional information call 849-2568.

The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, directed by Terrance Kelly, performs at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donations are \$15 general and \$10 for students and seniors. For advance tickets call 845-5015.

Simon Berry presents an organ recital of the Parish Mass by Francois Couperin on the gallery and antiphonal organs at the Church of St. David of Wales, 5641 Esmond Ave. on Friday, Oct. 1. Organ concerts are given each first Friday of the Month at 11:15 a.m., lasting 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome. Choral and solo recitals are a regular feature of the music program. Benediction (at noon) follows the Organ Recitals. Call 237-1531 for additional information.

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group presents Dorothea Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. This methods is sensitive and adaptable to people who are experiencing a great deal of discomfort, and to those who are no longer experiencing major pain. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. No advance reservations required, drop in anytime. Friends and family are welcome to attend. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maffly Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

Lecture/Workshop

Author Jay Rayley, Ph.D. psychologist, social activist and theorist, leads an ongoing Transformation Group, involving psychological and spiritual growth oriented toward social transformation on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.

at the 2034 Blake Suite 6C, Berkeley. His books include Inner Journeys: A guide to personal and Social Transformation, Transforming Human Culture Social Evolution and the Planetary Crisis. The cost is \$10. For more information call 415-924-5200.

Parisi: Transforming the Beauty and the Horror of Urban Reconstruction, a Lecture with slides with Leonard Pitt through Oct. 16, on Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., 1542 Grant St. at Cedar in Berkeley Wine served 510-841-0686 business hours.

The WYCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different programs the center offers, including the great variety of workshops. The orientations are held every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. The Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. For more information call 848-6370.

"What is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragati Dove is the facilitator. Call 64-0861 for additional information.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Religion

Ahavat Yisrael, Berkeley's newest traditional synagogue invites the community to its Simchat Torah Celebrations on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 3 at 9:15 a.m. There will be singing, dancing, and refreshments in Suite #9 at the Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. Call 273-9003 for further information.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Bonita Ave., celebrates its 40-year anniversary celebration with Dawn Rose on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 a.m. Child care available. Call 841-4824 for additional information.

"Daily Word" Readers: To study Unity principles contact Anne Allen, 843-5611.

Theater, Dance & Film

The Dehcontee Liberian Dance Company presents Panafest 1999 on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 3, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Alice Arts Center Theatre, 1428 Al-

ice St. For ticket information call 985-0541.

A Bilingual staged reading of Matti Kurikka's 1985 Finnish one-act comedy "No Wonder!" takes place on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m. at Finnish Kaleva Hall, 1970 Chestnut St. Tickets are \$3. Call 845-5352 for additional information.

Feldenkrais Movement Education Lecture/demonstration takes place with Ernie Adams on Oct. 6, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navellier, El Cerrito. Learn how movement can re-pattern the way brain perceives pain and coordinates movement. For additional information call 433-9591.

The Black Repertory Group Theater presents "The Trial of the Ages," on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Donation: General admission: \$10, senior citizens, \$7 and children 11 and under \$5. For more information call Paula Martin 652-2120.

Magnificat presents La Serva Padrona, comic intermezzo by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi on Friday, Oct. 2, 8 p.m. at First Congregationalist Church, Dana and Durant. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors and \$10 students. For information, orders, or to receive a brochure, call (415) 979-4500.

Winning Photos: First Annual Richard Nagler Photography competition of the Judah Magnes Museum highlights im-

ages by 15 extraordinary photographers. The Magnes Museum's new competition encourages Jewish work in contemporary art forms. The exhibit continues through Oct. 31. Call 549-6950.

Swing Dance Classes! Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays. At The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Volunteers

The Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program is currently accepting volunteer applications for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA volunteers work with the court to advocate the best interest of abused/neglected children in the Alameda County System. Judges depend on volunteer reports to make life changing decisions. To receive an application and information call 266-7297. No previous experience is required. Volunteers for teens, ages 14 and up urgently needed.

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To all heirs, beneficiaries creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise have claims against the estate, or both, of Jeanne Marie Calame, aka Jeanne Marie Suzanne Calame aka Jeanne Marie Suzanne Burrolet:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jeanne Marie Calame-Burrolet, the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Marianne Calame-Burrolet be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests that the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the provisions of the Administration of Estates Act. This authority will allow the petitioner to take any action without obtaining court approval. However, the petitioner shall not take any material actions beyond the scope of those consented to the proposed action.) The independent administrator shall not be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the proposed action. If no such objection is filed, the court shall cause why the court should grant the petition to be heard.

A HEARING ON the petition will be held on October 12, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. in Dept. 233 located at 1225 S Alton St., Stockton, CA 95210.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections before the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be made by written declaration.

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claim with you. The claimant's attorney will be the official representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of the hearing on the letters as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before the date of the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE THE FILE by the court. If you are a party to the claim, or an estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Examination of the Claimant's Inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any particular asset of the estate, or a Request for Production of the Claimant's section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Production of the Claimant's section 1250 of the California Probate Code may be filed from the court clerk.

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some will give you a tummy ache, and others will deliver you to the local morgue looking very similar to dead. Many of the poisonous species are quite unforgiving indeed.

Now, even though there exist about 2,000 edible mushrooms, one variety overwhelms the market. The common white table mushroom, *Agaricus bisporus*, comprises over 90 percent of all mushrooms sold in the U.S.

White mushrooms are not ferreted out by rustic foragers out in the wet woods like their wild counterparts. Instead, they are reverently conditioned indoors under very strict conditions. Temperature, humidity and light are regulated to bring a top crop to harvest.

They are grown in special buildings that hold anywhere from 7,000 upwards to 20,000 square feet of growing area. Inside these buildings are beds that vary from 4 to 7 feet wide and run 60 feet in length.

These beds are filled with al-

most a foot of compost and are left to sit for a week to 10 days. After that, the mushroom spawn is planted directly into the growing bed. (You can think of the spawn as like a sourdough bread starter. Nothing is going to grow without it.)

A layer of peat moss is then spread on top, and the entire bed is watered thoroughly. For the next three weeks, they are fed a steady diet of oxygen, which they need to grow. If you remember from some long-ago biology class, this differs from plants, which exhale oxygen.

Also, the temperature must remain in a very narrow range, between 62-64 degrees. This entails heating bills in the winter and chillin' out expenses in the summer.

A complete crop takes about nine weeks from "seed" to harvest. The harvesting, selecting and sorting is all done by hand. This is another reason why mushrooms, pound for pound, will never be 59 cents.

There are four sizes of white mushrooms: buttons (small), medium, large, and jumbo or stuffing mushrooms. They are all grown in the same bed, they all taste the same, but their relative size makes them handy for different uses.

A real fresh mushroom will have a velvety touch and a sparkling white cap. After one day they begin to brown. At this point, most shoppers start passing them up because they don't look as pretty. What a mistake!

These "day-old" 'shrooms actually will have more flavor than their pretty, perky albino brothers. This is because some of the water has evaporated and left a more concentrated flavor behind.

Do we reach a point of diminishing returns here? Yes, but don't panic. A cap that is a bit brown and tacky is fine kitchen material. But a specimen that is slimy and brown and pitted is outside the circle of acceptability.

Another variety that you'll often see buddying up against the white

is called **crimini** or **brown** mushrooms. (Guess what color they are?) These have a more pronounced flavor than the white and are interchangeable in any preparation.

Like many goodies in the food world, mushrooms are also being grown organically. Not only are the white and brown mushrooms available, but also the shiitake and oyster fungi are being produced.

A major difference between the two growing methods is a cleaning agent is used in conventional growing that is not allowed under the organic system.

When you get these mushrooms home, don't wash them until you are ready to prepare them.

Keep them in a paper bag on

the shelf of your refrigerator. No plastic bag and no crisper drawer, as the mushrooms will sweat and get all gunky.

In washing, the less water you use, the better, as they can get waterlogged. Put them in a plastic bag, fill it with a bit of water and slosh them around gently. After you pat them dry, they are ready to go.

Next week, more mushroom mentions... wild, exotic fungi! In the meantime, visit www.mushroomcouncil.com for lots more.

Guido the Gardener, aka Mark Ferro, is the assistant street buyer in the wholesale produce division of Whole Foods. Do you have a produce question? E-mail Guido at guido@wenet.net.

REUNIONS

High School, Class of 1974, will hold its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 16, in the Peralta Room at the Kaiser Club. Top of the Kaiser Center. The cost for the semi-formal dance is \$85. No-host cocktails at the event runs 7 p.m.-1 a.m. For more information, call Herb Schmidt at 1-510-459-1030 or Ann Warner at 1-925-631-0834.

Memorial High School, Class of 1979, will hold a 20-year reunion on Oct. 2 at the Newark-Fremont Hilton. For more information, call Class Encounters at 1-800-445-2527.

Washington High School, Class of 1969, will hold a 30-year reunion on Oct. 2 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. For more information, call Class Encounters at 1-800-445-2527.

Hayward High School, Class of 1964, will hold its 35-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Radisson Hotel on the Berkeley Marina. The cost is \$60 per person. Members of the classes of 1962 and 1963 are also invited. The 6 p.m. social gathering will be followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. and

Bay Fairway Hall. For more information, call Class Encounters at 1-800-445-2527.

Fremont High School, Class of 1964, will hold its 35-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Bay Bridge Holiday Inn, 1800 Powell St. in Emeryville. No-host cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 1-510-531-2796.

Lazear School, classes of 1910-50, are holding a "Jingletown" reunion dinner and dance on Saturday, Oct. 16. Call Howard Gabriel at 1-510-357-2460.

Irvington High School, Class of 1979, in Fremont is organizing its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 16, at Scott's Pavilion in Jack London Square. Call Kevin Thomas at 1-510-651-6092, or e-mail at IHS1979@aol.com.

Fremont High School, Class of 1964, in Oakland is planning its 35-year reunion for a cocktail party Friday, Oct. 22, and a dinner-dance Saturday, Oct. 23. Con-

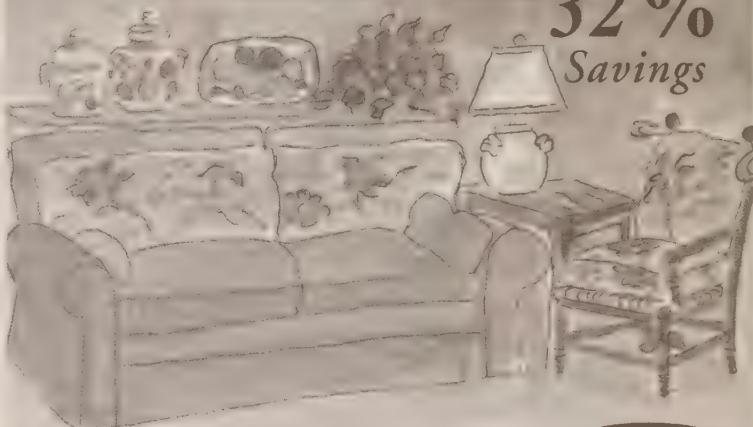
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Reunions

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tact Carol (Flaig) Brown at 1-925-830-1434 or Bev (Langland) Louie at 1-510-278-8464.

Lowell High School, classes of June 1949 and January 1950, are celebrating their 50-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Family Club in San Francisco. Call Ellie Cooper Van Voorhis at 1-925-935-5478.

Polytechnic High School, classes of fall 1948, spring 1949 and fall 1949, in San Francisco is planning its 50-year anniversary for October 1999. For information, contact Dick and Marylou (Emerson) Ellis at 1-925-672-4753.

Oakland Technical High School, Class of 1969, is planning its 30-year reunion. The reunion is scheduled for the fall,

and the class is currently searching out graduates from that year. For more information, call 1-510-464-4964.

Mission San Jose High School, Class of 1989, will hold its 10-year reunion on Oct. 2 at the Westin-Santa Clara. For more information, call Great Reunions Inc. at 1-800-655-7971.

Skyline High School, Class of 1979, will hold its 20-year reunion on Nov. 20 at the Holiday Inn. For more information, call Great Reunions Inc. at 1-800-655-7971.

Berkeley High School, classes of fall 1948 and spring 1949, are holding a joint 50-year reunion on Friday, Oct. 1, and Saturday, Oct. 2. Contact John Underhill at 1-510-236-4807 or C.R. Hunter at 1-925-932-1772, or write to 2623 Yuba, El Cerrito (94530).

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ary and June 1959, are holding their 40-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Pleasanton Hilton Hotel. Contact Carol Roland Reeve at 1-925-254-1326.

Richmond Union High School, Class of 1954, is planning its 45-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Embassy Suites in Walnut Creek. Contact Donna (Choate) Irwin at 1-925-228-6980, or Janis (Smith) Pimentel at 1-925-228-8024.

San Lorenzo Valley High School, Class of 1989, is organizing its 10-year reunion. To pass along updated information of classmates, call or fax Jenni (Markley) Allen at 1-925-754-7231, or e-mail at Callen3079@aol.com.

Alameda High School, Class of 1979, is making preparations for its 20-year reunion. To help locate class members or to update address information, call Nancy Wiese Slagle at 1-510-889-8487, or Cindy Zecher at 1-510-523-7361.

Mountain View Union High School, Class of 1949, is holding its 50-year reunion on Friday, Oct. 1, at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View. Call Eugene Sharp at 1-650-493-1488.

George Washington High School, Class of 1944, in San Francisco is holding its 55-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Embassy Suites at the San Francisco International Airport. Contact Barbara Levey at 1-415-884-2330.

Mt. Diablo High School, Class of 1954, is holding its 45-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Walnut Creek Marriott. Contact Louise Villa Turm at 1-925-685-2497.

Las Lomas High School, Class of 1979, is celebrating its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Walnut Creek Marriott Hotel. Call Kris Ledson at 1-707-792-0608.

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Napa is planning its 10-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 16, at Chardonnay Golf Club in Napa. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

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Acalanes High School, Class of 1989, is celebrating its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Crown Plaza in Union Square in San Francisco. Call Back to the Future Reunions at 1-832-662-8482.

Vintage High School, Class of 1979, in Napa is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Chardonnay Golf Club in Napa. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

Napa and Vintage high schools, Classes of 1974, are planning their 25-

year reunions together Nov. 13, at the Marriott Hotel. Contact Class Encounters at 2527.

St. Peter's Academy and St. Boys School, Class of 1969, are combining for their 50-year reunion. Former classmates at (Johnson) Sansoe at 1-925-935-5478, Betty (Julian) Robinson 6328.

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AN ADVERTISING FEATURE

The Changing Colors of Autumn

By Gina DePaulo

We have had an unusually mild summer here in the Bay area while the rest of the nation has sweltered. Until now - the last sigh of the Indian Summer heat always heralds the onset of autumn. And autumn it is - particularly in the plant world. In the wholesale floral markets flowers with golden tones and deep burgundies are flowing in, while the light hearted summer flowers are fading away. So take your cue from nature and begin changing over to fall colors in your home decor.



Gina DePaulo

You don't have to invest in expensive decorating to get the effect of a seasonal change. Be creative and imaginative with the accents in your home.

That same sofa will do, just drape a rich autumn colored throw rug on it, add some velvet pillows in a burnished hue with perhaps a small throw rug in harvest colors and you have transformed a room.

Go through your home and see where a cool color accent piece could be wrapped up, quietly put



away and replaced with a rich, warm colored accent. Who says rooms have to remain the same year round?

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Have you taken a good look at your home floral arrangements? Time to change from pastel summer flowers to autumnal. For home entertaining bring those lovely burgundy colored Hydrangea flowers indoors - just be sure after cutting them they are immersed in hot water, not cool, for a long drink before arranging. Or consider something elegantly simply like a few stems of buttery yellow roses paired with crisp green lemon leaves in a tall slender vase.

Take a hard look at your bedroom too. Has it been the same for the last two years? There are too many department store sales to always go with the same sheet / bedspread design colors. Strip your bed and switch color schemes. Buy a new set of sheets and comforter in fall colors and transform your comfort room into the cozy meditative place it should be. Your very own retreat.

Flow with the seasons, don't be afraid to change and the best part is you can do it all on a budget if you choose your pieces wisely.

Autumn Weddings

Even with weddings, which are so often decorated in traditional pastels, it's possible to incorporate

the changing seasons.

There are a surprising amount of autumn weddings and even if the weather is still a bit warm, I urge brides to take a message from nature too. Be bold and go for bright, deep colors incorporating fruits and berries wherever possible into your floral arrangements. Bridesmaids' bouquets don't always have to be soft pinks and lavenders (the most common colors chosen). Break free, make a statement and try rich apricots mixed with deep purples. Or crimson, deep

variegated pinks and acid green

If the weather is still warm you can accent these strong colors with other arrangements that are elegant whites with cool greens.

In your home decor, in your entertaining floral choices or for an autumn wedding, I say be dramatic, be daring, be rich in your color choices - be autumnal.

Gina DePaulo is the owner of Design Florals, a floral company dedicated to weddings and business accounts. DePaulo can be reached at (510) 465-0618. Hours are flexible, by appointment. Consultations are free. Send your wedding questions for "Weddings and Entertainment with Style" to Hills Newspapers Inc., 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, CA 94619. Illustration by Lucia de Toledo.

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Revised Chevy Tracker priced to move

By Ann M. Job
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you think a new convertible or sport utility vehicle is out of reach, think again. You can get both for about \$15,000.

It's no joke. Chevrolet's 1999 Tracker lineup includes a two-door model with manual soft top, SUV styling and four-wheel drive. All for \$15,095, the starting manufacturer's suggested retail price plus destination charge. If you opt for a convertible with rear-wheel drive, the price drops to \$13,995.

These Trackers are redesigned, and the new models are larger inside and out. They're restyled to look a bit brawnier outside and with nicer trim inside. They also have improved four-cylinder engines.

Both the Tracker and its previous twin, Suzuki's Sidekick, got major overhauls for 1999 in a joint project by General Motors Corp. and Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd. Suzuki renamed its Sidekick the Vitara and added a four-door Grand Vitara model that comes only with a V-6 engine.

Chevy uses the Tracker name for both its two- and four-door models. It comes with two- or four-wheel drive, though not yet with six cylinders. The smaller engines — a base, 97-horsepower, 1.6-liter four and the up-level 127-hp, 2-liter four — help keep the price down.

The test vehicle was a four-passenger Tracker 2-door 4WD convertible. Its bigger engine labored loudly when I wanted to pass on highways or when I zipped around paved roads in the mountains.

But it worked well in city traffic and in light off-road duties, and it's compet-



CHEVY redesigned its popular Tracker in both two- and four-door models. GM hopes the result is easy on the wallet.

itive with four-cylinder engines in the Jeep Wrangler, Kia Sportage and Toyota RAV4. It's also the same engine as the Suzuki Vitara's, and torque is 134 foot-pounds at 3,000 rpm.

A five-speed manual transmission is standard, but the tester had the optional four-speed automatic. I readily felt shift points, even in the normal shift mode.

Shifting to four-wheel drive is easy,

thanks to the new shift-on-the-fly system and two-speed transfer case. A driver can go into four-wheel drive high at any

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Auto Plus



By Mary Jo Farrell

"Have you also pampered a spouse, child or significant other in the last 12 months? Aha!"

Nicknames keep rides in our hearts

Have you seen people driving along, all alone, carrying on very animated conversations? Who are they talking to? The radio? The traffic? If a recent survey is to be believed, it's their cars.

A June telephone survey of 2,000 randomly selected U.S. households revealed some amusing, if not downright startling, results about Americans' love affair with their vehicles.

More than three out of five owners (62 percent) of cars three years old or older talk to their cars. One-third thank their car for a job well done, while 28 percent have asked the car to keep running when they feared they were out of gas.

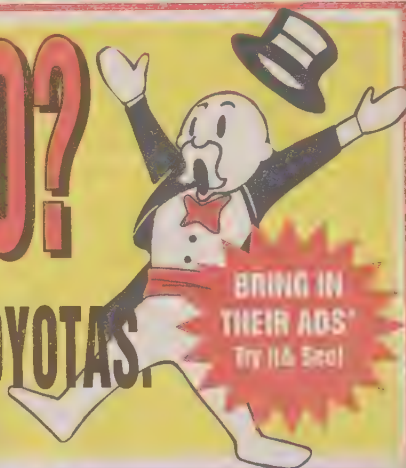
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Porsche 911 Carrera 4 has moxie, shows it off on track

By ARNOLD WECHTER
NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE
ATLANTA. — If there is a better-handling sports car than Porsche's 911 Carrera 4, we would love to drive it. The 911 Carrera 4 is the best-handling car we've driven in more than 40 years.

ROAD TEST

Porsche introduced its latest model at the Road Atlanta Track where the press had the opportunity of driving the car in various conditions: skid pad, auto cross, slalom and on the track itself.

Later the auto writers drove approximately 150 miles on twisty highways in the Georgia mountains. To make the car's performance even more impressive, the day's driving was held in a heavy rainstorm.

The Carrera 4 is an all-wheel drive version of the Carrera 2. It has the same powerplant and suspension system and is offered with either 6-speed manual or a 5-speed automatic with Tiptronic S that allows the driver to shift manually without a clutch.

Stability system shines through

What impressed us most was the Porsche Stability Management (PSM), not currently available on the two-wheel drive model.

PSM combines existing longitudinal control systems, such as anti-lock brakes, traction control and Automatic Brake Differential (ABD), with dynamic lateral control tailored specifically, Brake intervention and automatic engine power control keeps the car stable.

Oversteer is minimized by automatically applying the brake on the outer front wheel in a bend; understeer is minimized by applying the brake on the inner rear wheel.

Almost every top luxury car is offered with a stability management system. In our opinion the PSM is a step ahead.

Dave Murray, a Southern race driver, was willing to give any writer



THE 1999 Porsche 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet kept this reviewer coming back for more.

\$100 if they he or she could spin out with the system on. Nobody even came close.

Skid pad proves worth

Time after time on the skid pad while driving with the pedal to the floor the rear end would swing out only to be quickly stopped by PSM. We also felt the system take over while driving hard on the twisty mountain roads.

In dry conditions, according to Porsche engineers, the system does not feel "intrusive." In wet or icy conditions it plays a much larger role — and we found this to be true.

PSM will save you in most conditions, though as one writer put it:

"Driving off a cliff and turning right, the system won't save you."

Knowing that some of its buyers do not want a computer to control their driving, Porsche has added an on/off switch on the dash. The system will still operate when the brake is activated but goes off once the brake is released.

What the day behind the wheel of the Carrera 4 proved is that it can make a ham-fisted driver such as yours truly into one that feels safe in slippery conditions. It is one of the greatest safety features we've encountered.

It is a given that most of us will never be able to afford a Porsche Carrera 4, but features like PSM will

work their way down to less expensive cars.

'Sticky' tires key

It would be unfair if we didn't mention a third factor to the Carrera 4's outstanding handling — the car is shod with Pirelli P-Zero 205/50 ZR 17 tires on the front wheels and 225/40 ZR 17 tires in the rear. They stick like glue to the asphalt.

Being part of the development of the new 911-model generation from the beginning, only minor suspension modifications were required for the addition of 4-wheel drive.

The Carrera 4 retains the driving characteristics of a Porsche. My wife, Marion, is testing the Carrera 2 and

the accurate and agile steering behavior in both models is the same.

Where the Carrera 4 has the advantage is in its ability to provide more stable directional stability at high speeds, reduced sensitivity to cross winds and better traction at all times.

Most of the 4's engine drive power is delivered from the gearbox straight to the rear differential. The amount of drive power fed to the front axle is a function of rear-wheel slip and is controlled by a viscous clutch. Porsche's engineers report the amount of engine power going to the front wheels varies from 5 to 40 percent.

Porsche substantially modified the

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all-wheel drive model's layout at the front to accommodate differential and drive shafts

Six-cylinders do the work

The '99 Carrera 4 is powered by Porsche's six-cylinder boxer engine. Displacement changed at 3.4 liters with power at 6800 rpm, and torque of 258 ft/lbs at 4800 rpm.

Only minor suspension modifications were needed on the 4-wheel drive model for the 4-wheel drive.

Offered in Coupe and versions, the ragtop mode with a removable hardtop supplemental safety bars activate automatically in a driving situation.

Few external signs tell you that the car is a Carrera 4. The designation and the brake stand out clearly in titanium along with 17-inch wheels for the models.

Porsche reports that the wheel drive models have had 30 percent of total sales, but dictated the new model will share of total sales.

We're not going into details about the 911's styling or its features. We'll leave that for a road test — and we're looking forward to getting behind the wheel once more.

Farrell

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do. After news of this survey broke this week, a quick check of Times staffers turned up some very interesting pet names for vehicles: a motorhome named Tookie and another called Stealth Bomber; a sleek Chevy truck called Black Magic; a Toyota called the Hamstermobile, and another called Old Faithful; a Honda called Salt (its garage mate? Pepper); a '68 Mustang named Sally; and a '36 Ford pickup that answers to Pushmobile. A colleague's '60s-era student car was The Olymobile proudly.

According to the survey, as a car grows older its owner is more likely to name it. It takes time for a relationship this deep to develop. One co-worker calls her well-traveled Volvo 2-door Uncle Yulius, while another recalls fondly her previous car, a '68 Volvo wagon, Lucille.

Something about the car's facial characteristics must spur some of our pet names. The cuter a car, the more likely we are to call it by name. Our bachelor-days '72 VW was known as Bugly, while another co-worker's VW Rabbit was Lunchbox. A venerable Datsun 510 became O.C. (short for orange crate) and a '73 Datsun 280Z goes by Green Hornet.

The survey goes on to make some fairly questionable assertions, though. Do you believe that 38 percent of survey respondents said they'd rather kiss their car than their in-laws? Kiss a car? Eeewww."

Nine out of 10 have done something special to pamper their cars. Two out of five (39 percent) give their car more check-ups than themselves. More than half have taken their car through a deluxe spa treatment (wash, wax, detailing) in the last year. (All those who have pampered a car this year: have you also pampered a spouse, child or significant other in the last 12 months? Aha!)

One in four think of their cars as members of the family. More than half of those surveyed (51 percent) say they are as careful finding service for their car as they are selecting childcare, a veterinarian for a pet, or a restaurant on their anniversary.

Why do you think this is? Why are we so willing to become emotionally attached to a bucket of bolts that slurps down cold cash as fast as we can earn it? Perhaps it's that we spend more time in (or with) our cars than with our families. Maybe the knowledge that we devote more money to car ownership than to anything else except home buying cements the sentimental bond.

Certain cars trigger feelings of status and power, historically. Nobody strictly needs a \$340,000 automobile like the Bentley Azure to get from point A to point B, although it's nice to know it's there if you want it and can afford it.

In my dating days, my girlfriends and I developed a theory that males of our acquaintance seemed to favor cars that made up for what the men lacked: grace, finesse, athleticism, charm. And anyone in sales can tell you about the psychology of letting prospects see what you arrive in, or what you choose to squire them around in. No real estate agent worth a \$2 million deal

would pull up to collect his clients in a two-door economy car, for instance.

I first heard the car salesman's credo, "First the romance, then the finance," from my husband's cousin, a car dealer in Colorado. It's absolutely true: we "fall in love" with cars every year. A couple of years ago, I asked readers to submit their stories about their

first cars, and the contest entries read like a Harlequin romance series. My mail box was positively steaming!

There are those who would argue that this kind of attachment is childish, immature, destructive of human relationships. I am not among them.

My earliest childhood memories are of sitting on a dusty, hot curbstone in Big Rapids, Mich. every autumn and goggling at all of the new models rolling out of Detroit for the new model year. Within days of their arrival on the scene, the new Chevies, Fords, Buicks and Oldsmobiles were indelibly imprinted in the neighborhood kids' minds.

We were tough to fool when it was time to rattle off the names of each car that drove by, and how it was different from the year before. "Naw, it's the tail lights, man. They changed the slot to a round light in '61," someone would claim. Another would counter with the assertion that it wasn't the tail, it was the fender flare that had changed.

Even now, my little family has heated discussions about what year some car is that passes us on the road. I like to think that our kids are learning a craft that will give them years of pleasure in our travels. Had the surveyors called our house, they'd have gotten an earful.

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Rolling Homes

By Jeff Johnston

of time waiting. If nothing else, it's a good chance to look around the local community and explore the area.

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By putting the data in writing there can be fewer misunderstandings later on, because the problems were clearly spelled out right from the start.

Keep your records

You should have all of your rig's past repair history organized in a file of some type, such as a loose-leaf

binder with storage pockets that you can expand and change as your needs vary. Divide the records into categories such as water, electrical, propane and chassis or powertrain. When a follow-up repair is being done, have the pertinent records handy for reference by the technician as this can save time and money. For example, if your engine is stalling and it's noted that you had all new fuel filters installed just a few thousand miles back, the technician can probably rule out filter inspection during the diagnostic steps.

Remember, no one knows your vehicle like you do. The technician may be coming into the project cold if he or she has never seen the vehicle. Those written records you have available can bring that technician up to speed in a hurry regarding the vehicle's past history and that knowledge can speed the repair.

Ready your rig

It's likely the repair people will be spending time inside your vehicle if that's the best way to access the repairs. Time is money for a service center. Make sure the area involved in the repair is clear and ready for work. If it's a water pump under a

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After you

At least once a day in the stressful scramble of city traffic you motion a "you first" to someone instead of grimly fighting for every inch. The surprise of the favored driver is worth the few seconds of your delay.

Dim it

Two-lane roads, of course you dim your bright lights for approaching traffic. (Or are you the one I keep meeting?) But even on divided highways, when the opposing lanes are

Drive, She Said



By Denise McLuggage

Technical skill takes a back seat to common decency on the road.

far apart, you notice when curves might sweep your lights across the eyes of a distant driver and flick to dim.

You dim, too, when you approach another car from the rear, well before that driver even thinks of diverting the rearview mirror. You dim when you approach tollbooths or security posts at gated communities, or when you presume to use a

stranger's driveway to turn around. Indeed, anytime your brights might discomfort someone, you dim.

Don't acquire a following

On two-lane winding roads with few passing zones, it is your right to amble at a sightseeing pace. However if someone behind clearly wants to go faster you, cheerfully duck into the first wide spot and let the vehicle by. An important word is "cheerfully." It doesn't count if scowls or fingers are thrown. Nor does it count if you develop a comet's tail of cars before pulling over. Think of yourself as a merry facilitator and let 'em by, or put a heavier foot on the floor and get moving.

Make way for walkers

This is a parked nicely appreciated in your absence. It is only for SUVs or vehicles with exterior rearview mirrors that are hinged. Be-

fore you leave your vehicle in a parking lot to visit the mall or take in a ballgame, fold your mirrors inward to make walking between vehicles easier. With mirrors sized extra large to huge and protruding at a variety of heights, wending a way through parked cars is running a booby-trapped slalom. Fold 'em in and make passage easier. (There's a self-serving side to this: folding your mirrors could save your vehicle possible retaliatory measures should someone bruise a cheekbone in passing.)

Wide berths and less speed

In residential areas or on country lanes, if someone at road's edge is walking a dog, riding a bike or accompanying a wobbly child on new skates, make an obvious display of slacking your speed and leaving a generous amount of room as you pass. The obviousness is to reassure

all that you are aware of the possibility of disaster in the situation and are watchful for doggy darnings or wheel wobbles. Reassurance is nice.

Let us not spray

On rainy days with poorly drained streets and ponds in the potholes, be kindly concerned about mere pedestrians. Tires are designed to clear their own path of water, which means everybody in a two-block area can collect a drenching if the timing is right. Avoid the obvious puddles and slow a bit when people are present.

Curb your car

If you are driving in the curb lane of a street and you turn into a cross street, which lane should you turn into? Judging by observed actions, one in 90 might answer that right. Repeat after me: When turning from

one street to another, turn into the corresponding lane. That means curb lane to curb lane and center lane to center lane. True, it takes more steering effort to turn into curb lane, but do the right thing, the nice thing, into a different lane instead of the progress of traffic on the street.

Queue up at the light

Traffic lights operate alone, but on prompts from imbedded in the streets. At intersections where lanes cross busier ones, if the signal pops up quickly. So don't take a large space (two or three cars) between you and the car in front. You won't get the red, but you'll get the car behind you. It's the car behind you.

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Free guide available on diamond lanes, park and ride lots

RIDES for Bay Area Commuters has issued a new guide to park-and-ride lots and diamond lanes in the region.

"Lots & Lanes" is available by calling 800-755-POOL or checking the Web site www.rides.org.

A spokeswoman for the nonprofit RIDES — which encourages commuters not to drive to work alone — says the maps, charts and information in the guide will be particularly helpful to people who want to try carpooling or vanpooling.

Oct. 2-8 is California Rideshare Week.

Free vehicle inspections

750 Honda dealerships will provide free vehicle inspections on Saturday,

Oct. 2, to kick-off national car care month. To help customers maintain dependable vehicles and prepare them for winter, participating dealers will offer free 30-minute, 45-point inspections.

— From wire reports

Repairs

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sink that's being worked on, unload the cabinet so the pump and its plumbing and wiring are exposed and accessible. If they need to get to a motorhome's engine, remove any assorted hardware you have piled on the doghouse or around its edges. If the technician needs to do these

things before starting work, it takes time and adds to your bill.

This step can also avoid misunderstandings later on. If the technician has to clean your clutter out of the way, something valuable may be set aside where you don't know how to find it and that can cause grief later when you go looking for your widget.

Most service centers do all they can to keep your rig in good shape and clean. Some go so far as to lay

down protective coverings on the floor and upholstery if the job will be particularly dirty. Ask before your work is done. If the shop has no such procedure, lay down some old blankets or sheets to protect the carpet, floor and upholstery from soiling.

Head into the service department with a positive attitude, realistic expectations, and your paperwork details in hand, and chances are the repair process can be smooth and painless for all concerned.

remote entry or door locks. I even had to adjust the side mirrors by reaching outside and pushing on the mirror glass.

Of greater concern were missing or broken pieces. A plastic piece was missing from the lever that adjusts the ventilation fan. And when I first tried to undo the roof, a black plastic piece fell into my lap. I never did figure out where it came from. One of the rubber bumpers under the rear seat back was missing, and the edge of the heat duct for the back seat sat exposed in the front-passenger floor space.

Chevy hopes to sell 50,000 Trackers a year; it sold 47,188 in 1996, its best year. Last year's sales were 33,354. But so far in calendar 1999, sales are up 64 percent from a year ago.

Chevy said half the buyers are women; most are aged 25 to 40 and have household

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incomes of \$30,000 to \$60,000.

The 1999 Suzuki Vitara's starting prices range from \$13,919 to \$15,719. Those for the 1999 Rav4 range from \$16,148 to \$17,558. The '99 Wrangler, sold only as a four-wheel drive, starts at \$14,870.

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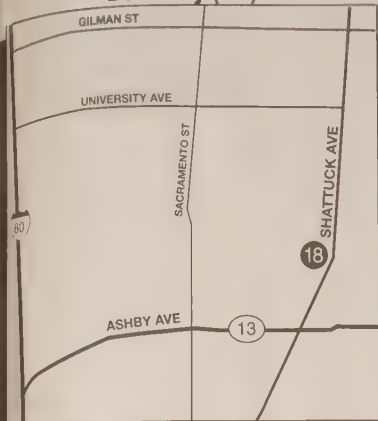
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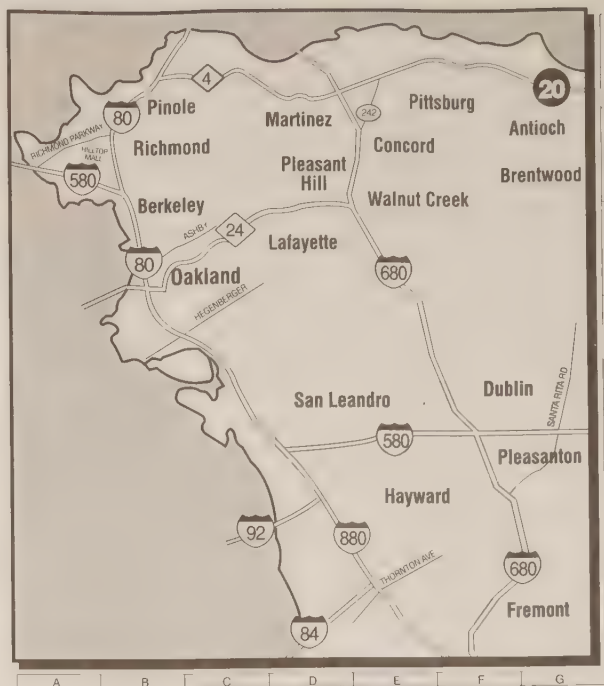
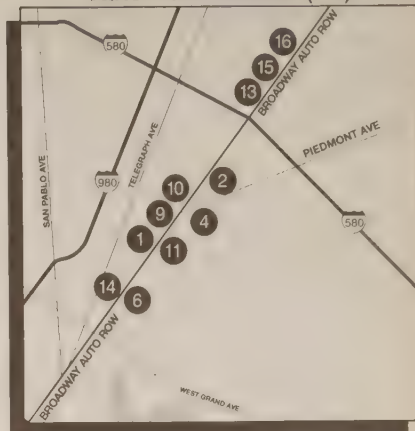
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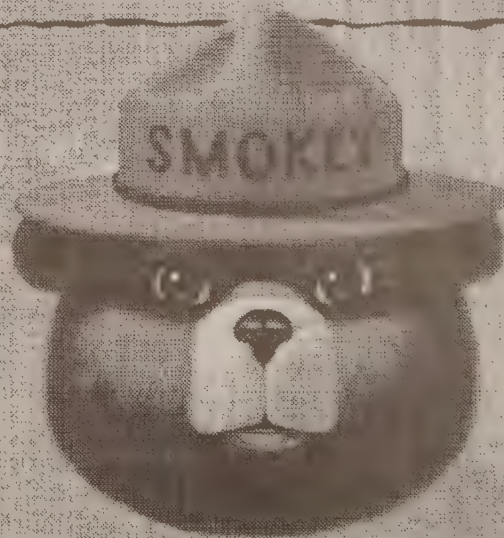
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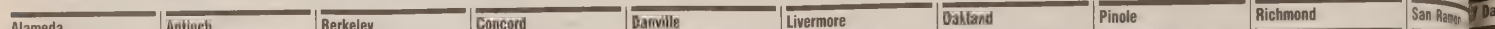
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NEW YORK — Restaurateur Sylvia Woods wants you to try her mother's Absolute Best Southern Fried Chicken.

Mrs. Woods exudes hospitality. At Sylvia's Restaurant, a landmark soul-food dining spot in Harlem, she makes a point of seeing you're well fed. She stops by tables to chat with diners, plies a photographer with fried chicken and corn bread, brings an interviewer peach cobbler and banana pudding to taste.

But now Mrs. Woods wants cooks to try such staples of her Southern cuisine in their own kitchens.

Her mother's chicken recipe is in "Sylvia's Family Soul Food Cookbook: From Hemingway, South Carolina, to Harlem" (Morrow, \$25), among a collection of dishes that has its roots in Mrs. Woods' Hemingway birthplace.

Recipes for the book come from family and friends, seasoned with personal memories and community tradition. They have been assembled to give home cooks a firsthand taste of what Mrs. Woods calls her soul-food heritage.

"The book is passing on ideas just like I learned them, handed down in the family," she says, sitting down for a rare break during her daily oversight of the restaurant.

Mrs. Woods, 73, was recently described as "Harlem's grande dame of soul food." She established the restaurant in 1962; she bought the place eight years after

coming to the city and getting a job as a waitress in the luncheonette that it then was. She opened a second restaurant in Atlanta in 1997, and has a line of canned and bottled food products sold at supermarkets nationally.

"I come from a long line of cooks," she says. In fact, she adds, from a whole community of great cooks in rural Hemingway, where most people grew their own food, cooked and shared recipes.

"We didn't go to school to learn how to cook. We learned from our mothers and grandmothers, aunts, uncles, cousins and neighbors."

Through generations of these exchanges, "we found ways of making the food we ate taste even more delicious, go further and look better."

A cook-off in Hemingway helped the family collect and choose recipes for the book, which has a writer's credit for Melissa Clark. The cook-off brought out a wealth of recipes to add to Mrs. Woods' own.

And even some nontraditional ideas.

"One new thing came from the cook-off that's in the book and now on our menu — the black-eyed pea salad," she says. "We always had black-eyed peas as a hot vegetable, a side dish." Here they are used in a spicy salad, suggested for picnics or buffets.

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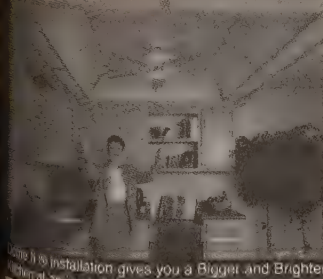
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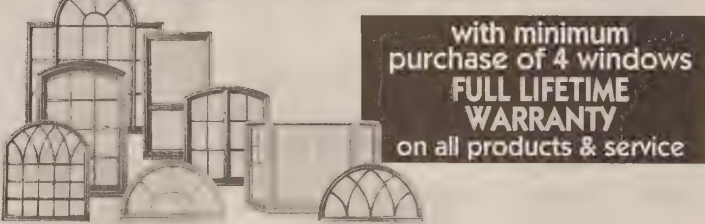
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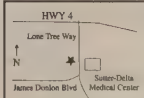
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"You add onions and green peppers to your pot, perhaps, and you make a gravy from whatever you've been cooking — the oil you fried the chicken in, the browned bits from the meat, and you salt and pepper it."

Desserts follow tradition, too. "We don't open the door without peach cobbler on the menu," Mrs. Woods says. There were always plenty of fresh peaches in Hemingway, she recalls, and they canned their own fruit so they could have cobbler and pies all year long.

She laughs as she recalls the two weeks in July when her food was featured in the elegant delegates' dining room at the United Nations, in a series on regional American specialties.

Barbecued ribs had dignitaries licking their fingers, and down-home fried chicken, catfish and cornbread were a big hit.

"We served them things they don't usually get there — imagine, collard greens and oxtails at the U.N."

But Mrs. Woods is used to the idea that soul food goes down well with a wide range of people. She's watched foreign visitors from as far away as Korea and Japan taste it and come back for more.

"Soul food in another 10 years is going to be all over the world," she predicts.

She says she cooks very little at home now and that Herbert, to

whom she's been married for 55 years, does it all.

"But I'm always in and out of the restaurant kitchen. I like to be back there, working beside people, telling them how to do things. This is how I learned. My mother always taught me, whatever you do, be the best at it you can do."

"So now, I know I know how to cook. That's what I want to last long into the future, especially what my mom taught me."

The book includes chapters of family history, and family photos are scattered through it. Recipes range from soups and relishes to sugar cookies and lemonade.

The Absolute Best Southern Fried Chicken recipe comes from Julia Presley, Mrs. Woods' mother. One of her secrets: "She would always shake the chicken in the coating, never dredge it."

And fried chicken makes the most delicious sandwiches imaginable, between slices of white bread covered with mayonnaise, Mrs. Woods adds.

The Absolute Best Southern Fried Chicken

3½-pound chicken, cut into eighths

1½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon plus ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ cup all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon paprika
1 cup vegetable oil

Rinse the chicken and pat dry. In a small bowl, combine the salt, 1 teaspoon of the black pepper, and the garlic powder. Sprinkle over the chicken. Let stand at least 20 minutes or, even better, overnight in the refrigerator.

Place the flour, the remaining ¼ teaspoon black pepper, and paprika into a plastic bag. Add the seasoned chicken and shake until each piece is covered with the flour.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over high heat until it bubbles when a

little flour is sprinkled in. Add the chicken pieces and reduce the heat to medium. Cook for 7 to 10 minutes or until the chicken is nicely browned on the bottom. Turn and cook on the other side for 7 to 10 minutes or until cooked through. Remove from the skillet and drain on paper towels before serving. Makes 4 servings.

Bedelia's Special Oven-Fried Chicken

In this recipe from Mrs. Wood's daughter Bedelia, the chicken is baked with a cornbread coating and no added fat.

2 skinless and boneless breasts, halved (about 1½ pounds total)
1 tablespoon seasoned salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 large egg whites
2 cups cornbread crumbs
Preheat the oven to 350 F. Rinse the chicken breasts and pat dry.

In a small bowl, combine the seasoned salt with the black pepper. Sprinkle over both sides of the chicken breasts. Let stand for at least 10 minutes.

In a bowl, beat the egg whites lightly. Dip the chicken breasts into the egg whites to coat. Dredge the chicken in the crumbs to coat. Place in a greased baking pan.

Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until cooked through.

Makes 4 servings.

Black-Eyed Pea Salad

1½ cups cooked or canned black-eyed peas

¾ cup chopped green bell pepper

½ cup chopped celery

½ cup chopped red onion

¼ cup chopped onion

¼ cup vegetable oil

¼ cup sugar

2 tablespoons cider vinegar

1 clove garlic, minced

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

½ teaspoon hot sauce

In a large bowl, combine the black-eyed peas, green pepper, celery and both onions.

In a small bowl, combine the oil, sugar, vinegar, garlic, salt, black pepper and hot sauce. Pour the dressing over the beans. Toss. Let stand overnight in the refrigerator for the flavors to meld.

Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Peach Cobbler

½ cup (½ stick) unsalted butter

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

½ cup water

4 cups peeled and sliced peaches

¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar,

divided

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1¼ cups self-rising flour

¼ cup shortening

¼ cup milk

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Grease a 2-quart casserole dish.

In a 3-quart saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the all-purpose flour and nutmeg and stir until absorbed. Add the water.

Stir in the peaches, ¾ cup of the sugar, and the vanilla; bring to a boil and boil for 1 minute; remove from the heat and spoon into the casserole; set aside while you prepare the crust.

In a large bowl, combine the self-rising flour and the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar. Using a pastry cutter or two knives, cut the shortening into the flour until crumbly. Stir in the milk, a little at a time, until all the flour is moistened but not too wet.

Using your hands, work the dough into a ball, but don't overdo it. Place the ball on a floured work surface and pat into a ¾-inch-thick shape. Cut into 2-inch circles. Place the circles on top of the peaches in the casserole.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the crust is browned. May be served plain, or topped with vanilla ice cream.

Makes 4 servings.

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Calcium found in foods other than dairy products

By Lisa Liddane
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Soccer player Joy Fawcett has a message for teens: Calcium is critical. And that goes for women 20 and older, too.

Fawcett, of Rancho Santa Margarita appears in new public-service announcements for a calcium-awareness campaign. The effort is sponsored by the California Milk Advisory Board and the Society for Adolescent Medicine.

Fawcett, 31, a member of the

World Cup-winning U.S. women's soccer team, said she's especially aware of the importance of calcium because she has two little girls, one of whom played her first soccer league game Saturday.

Her kids eat fruit-flavored yogurt with every meal, she said.

Fawcett also freezes the yogurt and serves it as dessert. Other sources of calcium for her girls? "They love cheese," she said. They also drink milk every day. So does Mom.

Calcium-rich foods — including selections for people who are lactose-intolerant or vegan — suggested by the Mayo Clinic and "The Vegetarian Female" by Anika Avery-Grant (Avery, \$12.95) include:

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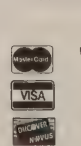
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Coffee cake for fall days, apple-picking time

Autumn brings a bounty of cool-weather recipes to capitalize on the season's rich harvest.

By The Associated Press
Apple Streusel Coffee Cake is a sweet, crunchy treat to bake when apple-picking time produces its bounty of fruit.

The cake, set with sliced apples overlaid with a brown-sugar and cinnamon topping, is among 175 recipes in "Pillsbury: Best Muffins and Quick Breads" (Clarkson Potter, \$19.95).

Cooks heading for the kitchen with baking in mind as fall crisps the air will find lots of delectable ideas in the book: muffins, biscuits, scones, popovers and doughnuts to start with, followed by quick breads, coffee cakes, cutters and spreads.

Recipes range from savory—Cheddar-Pepper Cornbread and Fresh Herb Scones, for example—through plain Brown Bread and Gingerbread Loaves, to sweet—Delicate Pear Muffins and Chocolate Doughnuts.

A note added to the Apple Streusel recipe points out that leaving the peel on the apples streamlines preparation, adds a touch of color and boosts fiber content.

Apple Streusel Coffee Cake
(Preparation time: 20 minutes. Ready in 1 hour 5 minutes)

Coffee Cake:
Nonstick cooking spray
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup margarine or butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup refrigerated or frozen fat-



CLARKSON POTTER/AP PHOTO

THIS APPLE STREUSEL CAKE is an appealing dessert any time of year with its brown-sugar and cinnamon topping, but it's especially welcome when apple-picking time offers its bounty of fruit.

free egg product, thawed, or 1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons nonfat plain yogurt
2 cups thinly sliced, unpeeled apples

Topping:
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 9-inch

The cake, set with sliced apples overlaid with a brown-sugar and cinnamon topping, is among 175 recipes in "Pillsbury: Best Muffins and Quick Breads" (Clarkson Potter, \$19.95).

round or 8-inch square pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In small bowl, combine 1 cup flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; mix well. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine 1/4 cup margarine and sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Add egg product and vanilla; blend well.

Alternately add flour mixture and yogurt to margarine mixture, beating well after each addition. Spread batter in sprayed pan. Arrange apple slices over batter.

In small bowl, combine all topping ingredients except margarine. With pastry blender or fork, cut in 2 tablespoons margarine until crumbly. Sprinkle topping evenly over apples.

Bake at 350 F for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. If desired, remove from pan.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving:
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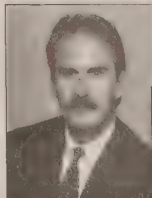
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Vive la difference:

Exceptions in unisex nutrition advice

By Bob Condon
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The situation replays itself almost as many times as Dixie Stanforth sees new clients in her personal training business. Women are fearful about weight training programs because they don't want to bulk up. Men yearn to add muscle but most of them do not have the proper body type for it.

"I find myself getting people over psychological barriers," said Stanforth, an exercise science instructor at the University of Texas in Austin. "They need to understand the neuromuscular improvement is not necessarily physical as much as functional. You will simply feel more energetic and more able to do things."

At a time when identifying gender differences is socially discouraged, fitness researchers are busy doing just that. Some of the newest studies ask whether men and women should eat or train in different ways to improve performance or lose weight.

The answer is a qualified yes. "One hot question is whether there should be separate nutritional guidelines for men and women," said Dr. Yvonne Satterwhite, an Atlanta sports medicine physician at the Hughston Clinic who has worked with Olympians. "The only real documented difference is, premenopausal active women should add more iron (than males). Otherwise, it is not so much gender issues but your activity level and sports participation."

For example, anyone who increases the amount of daily exercise should be sure to eat enough protein and calories. The protein helps build and repair muscles, while the calories fuel the higher energy output. Cutting calories, and especially protein, will be counterproductive.

"Lots of women restrict food intake when they start an exercise program as a strategy to lose weight," said Chris Rosenbloom, an Atlanta nutritionist and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. "Then they start wondering why they are not getting results or building muscle tone. Your body needs the fuel to change."

Not getting enough protein is a common mistake among women who pursue a regular fitness regimen, Rosenbloom said. In contrast, most American men consume too much protein. For active women, she recommends adding animal protein as "a condiment" to meals, such as using three ounces of chicken, fish or lean meat in a vegetable stir-fry or adding grated cheese to spaghetti marinara.

Cheese, yogurt and milk are three non-meat options for adding animal proteins. Plant proteins such as soy, grains or beans are solid choices too.

"Rice and beans is an excellent meal for protein purposes," Rosenbloom said. "But adding some cheese to it allows you to eat one cup rather than two cups while still getting the complete amino acids," the basic substances of muscle growth.

Men often are tempted by the various amino acid supplements on the market. The products are touted to build size and bulk. But Stanforth said no amount of lifting will "turn a long-distance runner's body into Arnold Schwarzenegger."

Calcium is important for women of all ages and activity levels. The mineral is essential for women involved in weight-bearing aerobic activities such as running, walking and dancing, Satterwhite said. It maintains bone strength and helps the body endure the pounding that is inevitable in these sports.

This pounding is exactly what builds the bones, provided you are getting enough calcium to replenish the challenged bones and joints. Similarly, activity tears down muscles, which will become stronger given adequate protein. Not getting enough calcium can be one reason for stress fractures; overuse of the fractured bone can be another.

"I worry about the women who are undereaters," Satterwhite said. "They avoid dairy foods because of the fat grams but don't find another way to add calcium."

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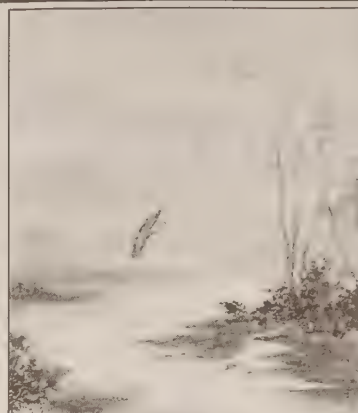
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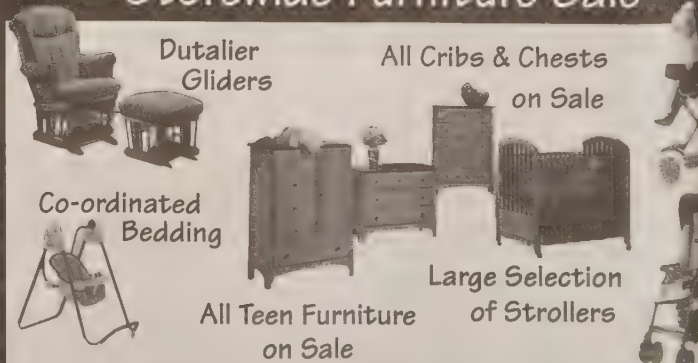
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Vegetarian Cooking:

GREEK HERO

By The Associated Press
The recipe for Greek Hero includes a hearty hummus filling that gives texture and flavor to the fresh vegetable and feta cheese sandwich served on French bread.

This easy version of hummus is made from chickpeas, the beans also known by their Spanish name, garbanzos.

Hummus is a familiar Mediterranean specialty, a nourishing and tasty favorite of vegetarians that also may include tahini, the sesame-seed paste.

Crumbled feta, the Greek

cheese, gives the sandwich a tangy accent. The sandwich is low-fat, with less than 10 grams of fat per serving, and it's quickly made, calling for about 20 minutes of preparation time.

Greek Hero

1 loaf French bread (8 ounces, about 15 inches long)

Hummus (recipe follows)

2 roasted red peppers, cut into strips

½ medium cucumber, sliced

¼ cup thinly sliced red onion

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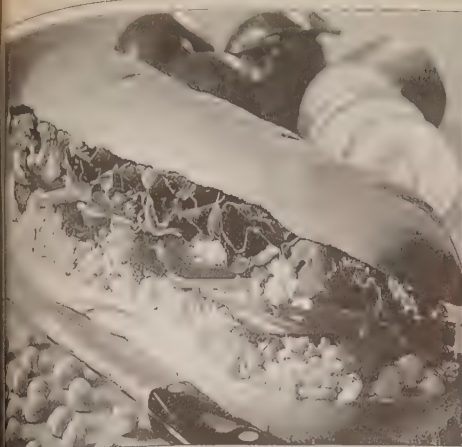
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GREEK

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2 small tomatoes, sliced
2 ounces crumbled reduced-fat feta cheese
4 leaves romaine lettuce
Kalamata or other ripe olives, as garnish

Slice bread in half lengthwise. Spread bottom half of bread with hummus.

Layer with roasted peppers, cucumber, onion and tomatoes and sprinkle with feta cheese. Top with romaine lettuce and top half of bread.

Cut sandwich into 4 equal pieces. Garnish with olives, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Hummus

15½-ounce can chickpeas (garbanzo beans), rinsed and drained, or 1½ cups cooked dry-packaged chickpeas

2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
Salt and pepper, to taste
Coarsely mash chickpeas. Mix in lemon juice, oil, garlic and oregano; season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes about 1½ cups.

Nutrition information per serving: 383 cal., 9 g fat, 98 mg calcium, 62 g carbs., 829 mg sodium, 14 g pro., 8 g dietary fiber, 5 mg chol.

Recipe from: Bean Education & Awareness Network.

UNISEX

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weight training routine also should be sure to get enough calcium, said Monique Ryan, an Evanston sports nutritionist. Research shows men 65 and older are at elevated risks for osteoporosis.

Another gender difference, one vital to avoiding injury, has become apparent to Satterwhite through her sports medicine practice. It's enough for her to urge men and women to train differently in some ways.

"Women tend to be more flexible in the joints, or looser," she said. "They must be extremely careful about proper form and not push their range of motion during weight training workouts. Going too far will put their joints at risk, especially the shoulders and knees."

Though Satterwhite encourages

flexibility exercises for women, she warns against "hyperextending your movements."

Most men, on the other hand, need to add more stretching to their workouts. It protects the Achilles tendons and thigh muscles (quadriceps and hamstrings), both of which become vulnerable as men age.

As to women's fear of becoming overmuscled, Satterwhite dismisses it. Exercise scientists have found that women can improve upper body strength by 40 percent before seeing any change in body size, said Satterwhite, who has been lifting weights since she was 17 and hasn't bulked up yet.

"Resistance training (including weights or isometric exercises) protects against osteoporosis, improves performance, decreases injury risk and improves self-esteem," Satterwhite said. "Everyone should be doing it."

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